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C&A tribes new travel center is grand indeed

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

With a pair of giant red handled scissors, the bright yellow ribbon is cut in two, opening the way for entry into the new Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Lucky Star Casino Travel Center.

Located north on Hwy. 81, directly across the street from Lucky Star Casino, the travel center officially opened its doors for business on Friday, Aug. 2, 2013. Just in time for the hundreds of visitors to the annual Oklahoma Indian Nation's (OIN) three-day powwow.

"We have been working around the clock to get the doors opened so that visitors who will be attending the OIN powwow this weekend can enjoy the new store," Terry Addington, C.T. Construction, contractor of the project, said. "The casino area and parking lot will be completed within six weeks."

The 5,500 square foot travel center was shining from end to end from the freshly mopped floors to the neon lit signage that hung across the walls. Shelves were filled with merchandise, coolers neatly stacked with drinks and the smell of fresh brewed coffee filled the air.

The café area is a place one can sit, enjoy a meal, a cup of coffee and catch up on the news of the day while watching the café's large flat screen television.

Taking a tour inside the new store was Mark Rodgers, Lucky Star Casino marketing director and Sports Animal radio announcer, who said the travel center was a "grand facility."

"What an amazing store. I think this is the nicest store within … I don't know how many mile radius. I don't even think Oklahoma City has this great of a store and what a great destination for those who will travel along Hwy. 81," Rodgers said, who also complimented the tribes' governor and her administration. "This travel center goes to show how progressive the governor's administration is at developing revenue and jobs for the tribes."

Lucky Star Casino's, general manager, Chris Derenzo said he had no concerns of competition between the two gaming locations since they sit directly across from one another.

"I believe the two casinos will compliment each other, the customers who don't want the large crowds on the evenings when we hold concerts will probably venture over to the new travel center to play their favorite game," Derenzo said.

The travel center will be open 24 hours, 7 days a week, with covered fuel pumps, groceries, beer cave, seating for 40 in the café, hot food and self-service fountain bar. Also included will be an ATM machine and a well-lit parking lot that will accommodate 300 parking spaces.

The casino along side the travel center will be an 8,800 square foot area with over 400 games and a state of the art smoke removal system. The $6 million travel center/casino will create 120-150 full and part-time jobs and provide another revenue source for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Contractor, CT Construction and Equipment, LLC, Terry Addington, Gov. Janice Boswell, Lt. Gov. Amber Big Horse and Chief of Staff, Ida Hoffman, cut the yellow ribbon with a pair of giant red handled scissors, signifying the grand opening of the new Lucky Star Casino Travel Center.

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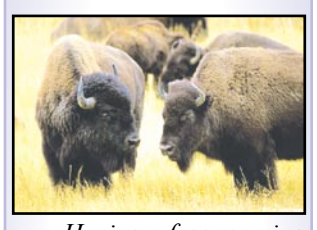

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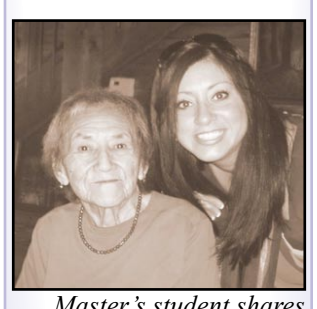

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El Reno Indian Clinic on the way to reopening

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' officially took possession of a medical building located just east of Mercy Hospital, on July 31, 2013 in El Reno, Okla. The facility will be the future home of the El Reno Indian Clinic.

In May 2013, deadly tornadoes ripped their way through many cities in Oklahoma, including El Reno, Okla. Homes and businesses were destroyed including the El Reno Indian Clinic, where over 35,000 patients per year visited for their medical needs.

Since then, Cheyenne, Arapaho and other Native Americans residing in the El Reno and surrounding areas have had the burden placed upon them to travel 45 (+) miles one way in order to have medical checkups.

"We are negotiating with IHS (Indian Health Service) for a lease right now as quick as possible. A lot faster than any other process. We went through an emergency ... we lost our clinic, that's why we are doing this. Too many people are traveling too far for their medicine and for their medical checkups. This clinic in El Reno had a large patient load, 35,000 patients a year and we need it here," Melvin Roman Nose, Community Development coordinator, said.

Roman Nose and his team began scouting out buildings to replace the tornado damaged clinic as soon as word was released that the clinic could not be reopened. After searching the area, Roman Nose found the building located at 1807 N. Parkview Drive, that used to be a medical facility housing several doctors.

Roman Nose contacted the family who owned the building and was told that the building was still for sale ... for $800,000.

"They wanted $800,000, but we were able to negoti-

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Emergency dental service available in the El Reno area

Submitted by the Clinton Indian Health Service

The Clinton Service Unit would like to share some good news to former dental patients of the El Reno Indian Health Center.

We know that the closure of the El Reno facility due to previous storm damage has created travel hardships for some of our patients. Those patients in the El Reno area who are having dental pain may now contact Dr. Brian Shafer, a private practice dentist in El Reno. He has agreed to treat dental emergencies only for relief of pain. His office is located at 701 W. Watts Street, El Reno, OK 73036. His office phone is (405) 262-2739.

Please call him in advance to make arrangements to be seen Monday through Friday. This is an emergency service only. Patients who are pain free and seeking general dental care and restorative services should contact the Clinton or Watonga Indian Health Dental Departments.

Visits will be reviewed for the dental emergency care and will be paid for through Clinton Contract Health funding. Prescriptions from these visits, if filled locally, will be at the patient's own expense or they can be filled at one of the Clinton Service Unit pharmacies. As always, dental emergencies may also be seen at either the Clinton or Watonga Indian Health Service Dental Clinics.

The mission of the Clinton Service Unit is to promote a culture that supports and develops caring, compassionate and competent healthcare.

Having a free roaming Buffalo herd

By Rita Weatherbee
Buffalo Tracks Newsletter, InterTribal Buffalo Council

The headquarters of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is located in Concho, Okla., slightly to the east and north of the center of the state.

Historically, the Cheyenne lived in the Minnesota area around the 1700s. They gradually moved west, then south, living in earth lodges. Later, they were introduced to the horse culture. They then became buffalo hunters.

In the 1830s, the tribe split, some settling at the upper Arkansas River around Bent's Fort, Colo. The other group settled near the headwaters of the Platte River. This is when the Cheyenne allied with the Arapaho tribe.

The current Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell.

Boswell said she directs the tribes in their mission to "promote education, establish guidance and direction of our government, respect and protect our natural environment and resources, and advance the general welfare for ourselves and our posterity as one people."

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma were inducted into membership with InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) on Jan. 20, 2006.

By tribal resolution, Chester Whiteman was appointed as the ITBC tribal representative on Oct. 2, 2005 and continues to serve in that capacity, acting as the region two director for ITBC, which consists of conducting regular regional meetings and participating in all ITBC board of directors meetings held at least quarterly.

Whiteman serves as the Director of Economic Development for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. His duties include administering the buffalo program and overseeing construction, elder home repairs, lawn care for the elderly, renovation of existing tribal buildings, fire program, wind energy, and the cattle and horse program.

This includes overseeing approximately 120 tribal and licensed trades. Chester has been a licensed state building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical inspector since 1989.

In regards to the tribes' mission of the buffalo program, Whiteman said, "The correlation between mother earth, nature, water, wind, fire, people and buffalo will help determine the direction and prosperity that will benefit the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes existence for generations to come."

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes started with 29 head of buffalo donated by Oliver Norman in 1980. In 1992, the Crow Tribe donated four head and in 2002, the Nature Conservancy of Colorado donated 99 head.

When the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes joined ITBC in 2005 the Wind Cave National Park transferred 58 head to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes through efforts of ITBC.

When asked what having their own buffalo herd has meant to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Chester responded, "It will help to heal the spirit of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people and the buffalo and will sustain the traditional, cultural and spirituality for future generations."

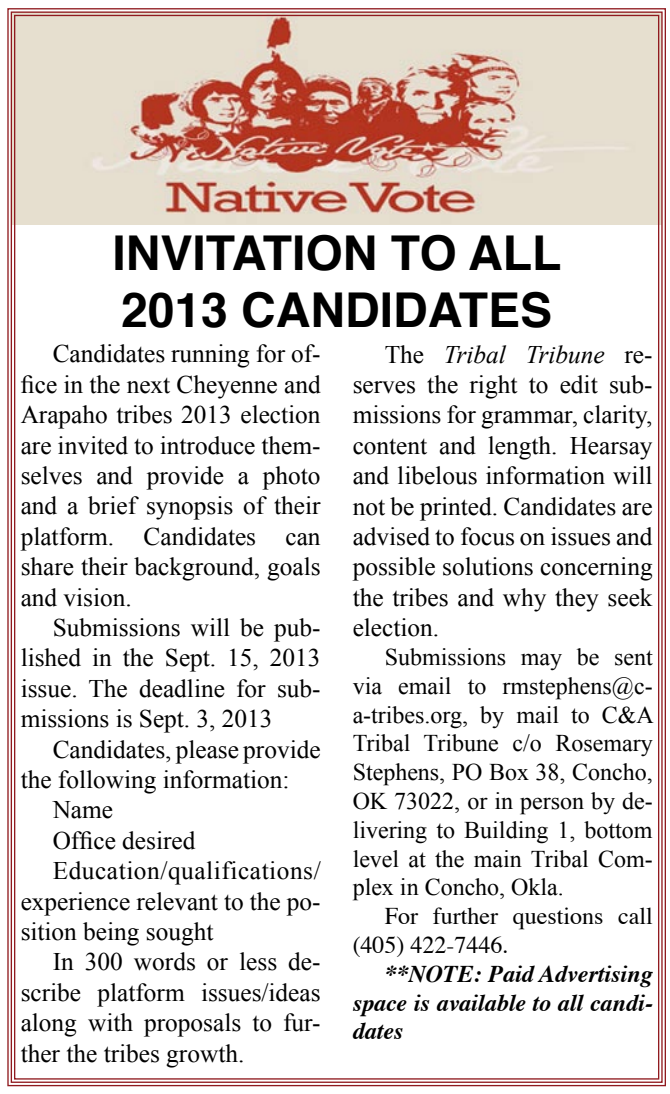
Buffalo meat is currently donated to the diabetes program, food distribution, elderly nutrition, Headstart programs, daycare, crisis, culture and heritage program and the Darlington Independent School District.

"The historical significance the buffalo had to our people was the relationship based on surroundings; we lived in accordance with laws of nature through our ceremonial teachings and practices. For the future, we intend to establish a healthy buffalo population for our Cheyenne and Arapaho people and preserve our historical, cultural and spiritual relationship for generations to come," Whiteman said.

ITBC would personally like to thank Whiteman for his valuable service as a Region two director and his service on the board of directors, helping to set policy and procedures and directing the organization into the future.

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Chester Whiteman serves at the Region II Director for the InterTribal Buffalo council.



INVITATION TO ALL 2013 CANDIDATES

Candidates running for office in the next Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes 2013 election are invited to introduce themselves and provide a photo and a brief synopsis of their platform. Candidates can share their background, goals and vision.

Submissions will be published in the Sept. 15, 2013 issue. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 3, 2013

Candidates, please provide the following information:

Name

Office desired

Education/qualifications/ experience relevant to the position being sought

In 300 words or less describe platform issues/ideas along with proposals to further the tribes growth.

The *Tribal Tribune* reserves the right to edit submissions for grammar, clarity, content and length. Hearsay and libelous information will not be printed. Candidates are advised to focus on issues and possible solutions concerning the tribes and why they seek election.

Submissions may be sent via email to rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org, by mail to C&A Tribal Tribune c/o Rosemary Stephens, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022, or in person by delivering to Building 1, bottom level at the main Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes urge Obama to approve Oklahoma Internet Gaming Pact

Indian Country Today Media Network

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes called on the Obama Administration to allow a first of its kind pact with the state of Oklahoma permitting the tribes to operate international gaming sites from their native lands. The plan would generate millions for smaller tribes and for the state government.

The pact, signed in April between Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice PrairieChief-Boswell and Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, would allow the tribes to run and market real money gaming sites to people outside the U.S. In exchange, the state would get 20 percent of the revenue generated from the gaming sites.

"This is an innovative plan that benefits everyone involved. It's the definition of the win-win," said Boswell. "There is no reason for the federal government to intervene in what should be a matter between the tribe and the state. We hope that the Obama Administration allows this process to proceed, which will show that all tribes can get a fair chance in Washington."

The tribe had been operating a free online social gaming site, PokerTribes.com, but took it down in the spring and started discussions with the state on the new agreement. Officials believe that this operation could set a precedent for the future and continue generating sorely needed funding for state governments.

"The Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association looks forward to assisting our member tribes as they are joining a rapidly changing and developing international gaming industry. Worldwide projections show the annual marketplace to be at 30 billion dollars. This is the next step in generating much needed revenue for Oklahoma tribes and the State of Oklahoma," said Brian Foster, CEO of PokerTribes.com and Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association, told CapitalBeatOk in April.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho have also been running advertisements in local Washington papers and radio stations calling for the approval of the pact. The advertisements urge lawmakers to ignore the influence of tribes with deeper pockets and more political clout that have been using their lobbyists to hurt smaller tribes.

"Indian gaming was supposed to provide the promise of meaningful economic development through all of Indian Country," the ad reads. "Let's stop the hypocrisy."

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No Tribal leaders at first council on Native American affairs meeting

By Rob Capriccioso

The first meeting of the White House Council on Native American Affairs took place July 29 without tribal leaders present.

The Council, established by President Barack Obama by executive order June 26, is intended to oversee and coordinate the progress of federal agencies on tribal programs and consultation with tribes across the federal government.

Tribal leaders have been asking Obama to establish such a workgroup since day one of his presidency. They generally support the idea of the current Council, which has roots in several other U.S. presidential administrations, but some have problems with its structure, saying it strikes them as odd that tribal representatives have not been invited to have a seat on the Council.

Instead, Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, appointed chair of the council by Obama, solicited tribal leaders' input in a conference call held July 26, and this input helped guide the meeting, according to Interior officials.

The meeting was closed to the press and public. Pictures released by Interior showed many federal agency officials sitting around a square table looking at Jewell. Federal Indian employees, including Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; Yvette Roubideaux, director of the Indian Health Service; and Jodi Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs on the White House Domestic Policy Council, were there. Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett, White House Domestic Policy Director Cecilia Muñoz, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, and Education Secretary Arne Duncan, were also present, according to Interior.

"For context, today's meeting was a bit more organizational in nature—in order to get priorities in order," said Jessica Kershaw, a spokeswoman for Interior, when asked if tribal leaders were in attendance.

"At the top of the meeting Secretary Jewell provided a summary of matters raised by tribal leaders in a conference call held on Friday and through written comments," Kershaw said. "That call was meant to inform some of the priorities that the Council should be focused on as it gathered today to discuss how the federal family can best coordinate efforts to address these issues."

Kershaw said the input from tribal leaders included: "job creation and economic development in tribal communities, honoring treaties and the federal trust relationship, strengthening tribal justice systems, the need for coordination and education on Affordable Care Act enrollment for Native Americans, expanded education opportunities for Native American youth, protection of sacred sites and natural resource development, addressing the challenges tribes are facing due to the sequester and shortfall in contract support costs, and that tribal leaders want to see the federal agencies working together to build on the previous accomplishments of the Obama administration."

Tribal leaders also informed the administration that they want to meet in face-to-face, organized sessions with federal agency officials that are more intimate than the yearly White House Tribal Nations Conferences, where it has been difficult to hear a variety of tribal voices given the overwhelming size and structure of the events.

Being relegated to input via conference call did not sit well with some tribal leaders.

"That's not a real government-to-government relationship," said Tex Hall, chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes, who believes that tribal leaders and citizens have been set up via this new federal bureaucracy to be "on the outside looking in."

Hall has advocated for the creation of a Native American White House council based on the model established under President Lyndon B. Johnson that would make tribes actual members of the council and give the council strong budget powers over Indian affairs.

Derek Bailey, former chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, said he does not trust federal policy makers to be able to accurately represent tribal views without tribal leaders in the room.

"I am not confident, from my experiences, that all federal bureaucrats will accurately represent concerns of the tribes to the White House Council," Bailey said. "For tribal relations to truly rise to the next level with the U.S. government, having opportunities for engagement and meaningful dialogue is imperative, and I believe welcomed by most tribal leaders."

It's disheartening to Bailey that the Council is not providing tribal leaders with the opportunity to be heard in person, because he believes Obama's intent in creating the group is to develop stronger working relationships between federal officials, agencies and tribal nations.

"Any time tribal leaders can be included and rightfully given the opportunity to increase understanding and awareness of issues affecting Indian country, [it can] only help all involved," Bailey said.

Interior officials are aware of the desires of tribal leaders, but they have not said how they will account for them.

Jewell, meanwhile, has not publicly addressed the controversy, saying in a statement that she believes the "meeting underscores President Obama's commitment to build effective partnerships with American Indian and Alaska Native communities."

C&A Election Commission strikes candidate from 2013 official ballot

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday, July 25, 2013, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Election Commission held a meeting to hear evidence regarding a challenge for governor candidate, Darrell Flyingman. The meeting was to determine if he met the criteria for candidate eligibility.

The election commission returned from executive session and voted to reinstate Flyingman to the 2013 list of candidates, only to rescind that decision later in the day citing, in a certified letter sent to Flyingman, "At our previous hearing you proffered evidence suggesting service was improper and that you were not effectively served. You failed to provide evidence that the debt was paid. Without proof that you have paid this debt to the Tribal Court we will be unable to include your name on the 2013 Final List of Candidates. The Election Commission does not have the authority to adjudicate the validity of the warrant and summons. The Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes required the Election Commission to determine the eligibility of all candidates for elective office. Article IX, Section 8(a) of the Constitution states:

'Beginning on May 1st of an election year nomination for elective office shall be open to qualified candidates. Nominations shall close on June 1st. The Election Commission shall make all determinations regarding the eligibility of candidates to seek elective office and shall publish a preliminary list of candidates no later than June 15th. Any Member of the Candidates by filing a written protest with the election Commission by July 15th. The Election Commission shall decide all written protests to the preliminary list of candidates no later than August 1st. the Election Commission shall publish a final list of candidates no later than August 15th.'

Currently it is our decision that you have not met all the qualifications for elective office. Specifically, the Tribes' records show that you owe money to the Tribes in violation of Article VII, Section 3(e) of the Constitution, which states:

'A candidate for the Office of governor and Lieutenant Governor cannot owe any money or owe any debts to the Tribes.'

The Tribal Court has informed the Election Commission that as of August 1, 2013, you currently owe money to the Tribes. Therefore, you name will not be included on the Final List of Candidates."

Flyingman was quoted as saying, in the *Watonga Republican*, "the reasons Charles Morris (tribes' attorney general) filed a criminal complaint against me are impersonating a public official and misconduct. I proved to the hearing board that these charges were wrong and should have not been filed. I provided all the necessary documents and evidence that I was an elected official."

Flyingman appeared in person at the Tribal Court in Concho, Okla., on Aug. 8, 2013 to face charges of Obstructing Government Functions and Misusing Public Money. The case was continued until 10 a.m., Sept. 5, 2013.

At the time of press, the 2013 Official List of Candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor had not been released.

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TO: ALL CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS
(18 YEARS AND OLDER ON OR BEFORE August 24, 2013)

Special Tribal Council Meeting
Saturday, August 24, 2013 – 10 A.M.
Clinton Community Center - Clinton, OK

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, Article V, Section 3 (b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes.

A petition calling for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council for **Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 10 A.M. to be held at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, OK,** was received on July 22, 2013. Verification of 222 valid signatures was completed by the Department of Enrollment Assistant Director on July 25, 2013.

The following items are posted at the Office of Tribal Council (located at Concho Community Hall), Office of Administration (formerly Business Manager's Office at Complex), and Cheyenne & Arapaho Website (www.c-a-tribes.org). Any resolution is available to the public.

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1. Resolution in the event of a Government Crisis where there is more than one (1) Judicial Branch, or where the people have not avenue for relief, then the Tribal Council shall set into motion their Constitutional Right to Set Policy to remedy the situation.
2. Resolution to select (8) eight election commission members to conduct the 2013 General Election, in accordance with the Constitution.
3. Resolution to appoint a "Special Tribal Court Judge" to administer the oaths of office for the 2013 Newly Elected Officials.
4. Resolution authorizing the "Election Commission Chairperson" to execute any Contracts necessary to conduct the Tribes' 2013 election.
5. Resolution to approve a Contract for a Tribal Council attorney.

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, Article V, Section 3 (c) The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least 15 days before such Meeting. This document serves as the required fifteen day public notice.

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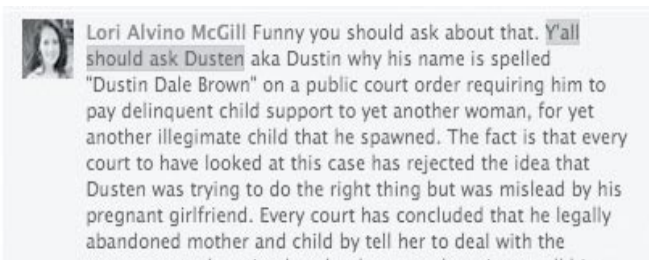
Some disturbing facts about Baby Veronica's birth mother

By Suzette Brewer, Indian Country Today Media Network

It was the end of a long, bizarre week in which the ongoing battle between Dusten Brown and Matt and Melanie Capobianco became even more contentious with accusations of bad faith, court orders and competing media interviews, capped off by the dramatic issuance of a felony arrest warrant. Late Friday night, as word of the warrant began gaining traction, Lori Alvino McGill, attorney for Veronica's birth mother, went on the Facebook page Standing Our Ground for Veronica Brown to argue with supporters for the Brown family.

In heated exchanges laced with name-calling and bad spelling, Ms. McGill again publicly excoriated Dusten Brown and vociferously defended her client's actions in turning her infant daughter over to Matt and Melanie Capobianco in September 2009.


Lori Alvino McGill Funny you should ask about that. Y'all should ask Dusten aka Dustin why his name is spelled "Dustin Dale Brown" on a public court order requiring him to pay delinquent child support to yet another woman, for yet another illegimate child that he spawned. The fact is that every court to have looked at this case has rejected the idea that Dusten was trying to do the right thing but was mislead by his pregnant girlfriend. Every court has concluded that he legally abandoned mother and child by tell her to deal with the pregnancy and texting her that he wanted to give up all his parental rights.

A return to the facts. The only two children Dusten Brown has, according to his ex-wife, Rachel Reichert, is Kelsey Brown, who was born two years after they were married in 2001, and Veronica, whose biological mother was Brown's ex-fiance. And it is a matter of court record that, in spite of the recent rulings against Dusten Brown, her client, Christy Maldonado, was never found to be credible in any of the court proceedings in South Carolina.

"It is rather unseemly for an officer of the court to be on Facebook at that hour—or any hour—arguing the facts on behalf of her 'client' who is not a party in this case," observed a Washington, D.C.-based lawyer who works on Capitol Hill. "The serious practicing attorneys I know would never bother with that kind of thing. It's just not appropriate. But it is pure comic gold. You can't make this stuff up."

Humor aside, the recent emergence of McGill as "a voice" for Veronica's birth mother, who has never spoken publicly save for a heavily-edited opinion piece for the Washington Post in June to advocate for the Capobiancos, has begun to raise questions about Maldonado herself. Over the years, Brown has never gone on the record about his ex-fiance and has never publicly spoken ill of his daughter's biological mother.

But a review of court documents in Oklahoma and in interviews with those who knew Maldonado prior to and during her engagement and pregnancy with Dusten Brown, reveal a portrait of a woman with a history of turmoil in her relationships, featuring restraining orders, lawsuits, Court Appointed Special Advocates and ongoing custody and child support disputes with her two older childrens' father.

"All along, she has been painted by the adoption team as this saintly, Thomas Kinkade-hued single mother who was raising two kids and selflessly gave her child to an infertile couple," says a former friend. "That's been the narrative. But the reality is that it's common knowledge in Bartlesville that Christy Maldonado does not have custody of her two other kids. They are living with their paternal grandmother in Oklahoma. She's actually the one who pays child support and has visitation."

Additionally, Indian Country Today Media Network has learned that Maldonado did not, in fact, receive any compensation for birth expenses from the Capobiancos. The birth of Veronica came at the expense of the taxpayers of the State of Oklahoma via the state's Medicaid program, SoonerCare.

In 2008, the year that she became pregnant with Veronica, Maldonado claimed copy,800 a month in income on a child support worksheet and had been working as a cashier at one of the Osage Nation casinos at the time of her pregnancy. As a full-time employee, she would have had access to health insurance through the tribe; or, alternatively, because Dusten Brown is a tribal member, she could also have received maternal health care at one of Oklahoma's tribal Indian Health Service facilities. Brown even encouraged her to have their baby at a military health facility.

Adoption attorneys also point out that many health plans provide for adoptive couples in covering the medical expenses for the birth mother and child, so the Capobiancos could have also used their own health insurance to help pay some of the costs for prenatal care, labor and delivery.

But, shortly after she became pregnant, Maldonado disappeared and declined any contact with Brown or his parents, all of whom testified in court that they had tried numerous times to reach out to help her, despite her claims to the contrary.

Maldonado had battled her ex-common law husband, Joshua Thompson, in court since their divorce in 2006, which was filed by Thompson as the petitioner. Since that time, the two have fought over custody and child support too many times to count.

In 2008, she reconnected with Dusten Brown though she had stayed with him off and on since her *See **Baby Veronica** page 7*

Courtesy photo

Dusten Brown reads to his daughter Veronica during one of their many times spent together.

Dani Fox, one of two women ground crew for Oklahoma City Red Hawks team

By Rhiannon Walker

Danielle (Dani) Fox walks through her house carrying a basket of laundry.

Before pouring detergent in the machine, she takes a moment to look over a few of the clothes, however. She holds up an Oklahoma City RedHawks grounds crew polo. The cotton blue fabric is drenched in sweat, and red dirt is smeared all over it, but Fox isn't disgusted by it at all.

As one of the first two women to work for the RedHawks' grounds crew in its 15-year history, she swells with pride when she wears the shirt.

Her legs as well as her black-and-yellow Nike sneakers are also covered by the clay, but Fox doesn't mind because the red dirt is a constant reminder that she's working her ultimate job.

"I have a lot of pride (telling people where I work,)" she said. "I have so much respect for the game of baseball, it being America's sport. To get to work at a Triple-A facility, I honestly think it's kind of like a dream job."

The Detroit Tigers and Baltimore Orioles are the only Major League Baseball teams with women as their head groundskeepers, and seeing women working on grounds crews is still rare.

So when Oklahoma City University softball teammates Fox and Kylee Rounsaville prepare Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark's field, they are not only creating the perfect playing conditions for the players, but they're also laying down the foundation for other women to work on grounds crews in the future.

Rounsaville, the first woman to ever work on the RedHawks' grounds crew, was hired by head groundskeeper Monte McCoy in March, and says people still tell her how impressed they are with what she's doing.

"My favorite part is hearing the players from other teams saying that this is one of the nicest facilities that they get to play on," Rounsaville said. "It's pretty cool knowing that I help keep the field the way it is.

"People still come up and shake my hand to this day, and they're like 'I'm highly impressed with what you've done and how you're representing females and bringing them into this sports world.'"

A Mustang native, Rounsaville started her athletic career playing T-ball and baseball before moving on to softball.

After being recruited by schools that included the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Marshall, the 21-year-old committed to OCU because she wanted to stay close to home and attend a small school.

Danielle Fox, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Kylee Rounsaville are the first two women to work for the RedHawks' grounds crew. The two Oklahoma City softball players are proud of their job, and proud to help lay the foundation for women in sports jobs.

And as luck would have it, Rounsaville would learn about the RedHawks job when she was giving softball lessons to 11- and 12-year-old girls. McCoy's brother approached Rounsaville about helping him coach a 12-and-under softball team, but she explained it would be hard for her this summer because she needed a job.

He told her that his brother was the RedHawks' head groundskeeper, and he could get her the job.

In late March, the Stars' starting catcher began a sophisticated balancing act with her practice schedule and trips to Bricktown. Games were on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so when practice ended at 4:45 p.m., she'd make the 11-mintue trip from Ann Lacy Stadium to The Brick.

As a softball player, she always appreciates a well-kept field, but now Rounsaville has developed a greater appreciation for a field's maintenance.

"You just don't know how much effort is put into the field," Rounsaville said. "I never knew there was so much work done on the field. I knew there was the simple dragging the field and watering and stuff like that, but I didn't know about ... all the stuff that goes on behind the scenes, that we don't see as people that get to watch."

Rounsaville's first day started off slow. McCoy walked her through her tasks, and then she was directed out to the field and helped chalk the infield and outfield lines.

Haskell Athletics announces new online store

The new Haskell Athletics Store is a Lids, Inc. Sideline Store and Nike Team Store, and currently offers apparel, and a few novelty sport and stadium items. In the near future the site will include Haskell Institute (HI), Haskell Indian Junior College (HIJC), Homecoming 2013, native language, and breast cancer awareness sports apparel.

The Haskell Athletics Store was created with the HI, HIJC, and Haskell Indian Nations University student-athletes, family, friends, and fans in mind. The interactive site allows you the opportunity to create items during the high school years of boy's and girl's athletics, as well as sports apparel featuring our current athletic programs. Additionally, you can create items with colors historically and currently used by the Athletic Department.

The Haskell Athletics Store features Lids, NIKE, Gilden, as well as other notable brands for men, women, and youth.

The store will directly benefit the Athletic Department, and serves as the first financial venture of the Indians 2013-2014 year. Proceeds from sales will go to the Haskell Athletic Fund in the Haskell Foundation.

The new store is an exciting time for Haskell Athletics, and is a great way for family, friends, and fans to show their support of the Haskell Indians.

Check out the store at www.sidelinestore.com.

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2013 HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULES
***Riverside Indian School & Seiling H.S.*
No schedules posted as of press time.

Anadarko Varsity Football Schedule
Sept. 6 Chickasha Home 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 Oklahoma Centennial 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Perry Away 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 Cache Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 Elk City Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 Clinton Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 Woodward Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 Piedmont Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1 Weatherford Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 Elgin Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15 Playoffs TBA

El Reno Varsity Football Schedule
Aug. 23 Scrimmage Clinton Home 6 p.m.
Aug. 30 Scrimmage Mustang Away TBA
Sept. 6 Woodward Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 13 Chickasha Away 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Noble Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Bishop Mc Guiness Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 Deer Creek Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 11 NW Classen Home 7 p.m. *Homecoming*
Oct. 17 Guthrie Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 25 Western Heights 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 Guymon Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 8 Carl Albert Away (MWC) 7 p.m.

Elk City Varsity Football Schedule
Sept. 6 Watonga Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 13 Tuttle Home 7p.m.
Sept. 20 Tulsa Edison Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Elgin Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 4, Anadarko Away 7 p.m.
Oct 11 Piedmont Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 Weatherford Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 25 Clinton Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 Woodward Away 7 p.m.
Nov. 8 Cache Away 7 p.m.

Clinton Varsity Football Schedule
Sept. 6 McArthur (Lawton) Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 13 Heritage Hall (OKC) Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 Southeast (OKC) Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Weatherford Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 Elgin Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 11 Anadarko Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 18 Piedmont Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 25 Elk City Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 Cache Away 7 p.m.
Nov. 4 Woodward Home 7 p.m.

Kingfisher Varsity Football Schedule
Sept. 6 Guymon Away 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 Chandler Away 7: 30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Hennessey Home 7: 30 p.m.
Sept. 27 Heritage Hall Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 Star Spencer Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 John Marshall Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 Centennial Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 Bethel Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1 Newcastle Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 Marlow Away 7:30 p.m.

Enid Varsity Football Schedule
Aug. 23 Scrimmage Bixby Away 5 p.m.
Aug. 29 Scrimmage Yukon (Selby Stadium) 5 p.m.
Sept. 6 Choctaw Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 13 Edmond Memorial Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 Guthrie Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Bartlesville *Homecoming* 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 Tulsa Washington Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 11 Tulsa Union Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 Ponca City Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 25 Owasso Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 Stillwater Away 7 p.m.
Nov. 8 Sand Springs Home *Senior Night* 7 p.m.

Geary Varsity Football Schedule
Sept. 5 Canton Away 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 Fox Away 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Waurika Home 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 OCA Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 Allen *Homecoming* 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 Central Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 Alex Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 Cyril Home 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1 Macomb Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 Paoli *Senior Night* Home 7:30 p.m.

Thomas Faye Custer Varsity Football Schedule
Sept. 6 Alva Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 13 Okeene Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 Carnegie Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Burns Flat-Dill City Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 Apache Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 11 Sayre Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 Hollis Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 25 Cordell Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 Snyder Away 7 p.m.

Weatherford Varsity Football Schedule
Aug. 23 Scrimmage Altus Away TBA
Aug. 29 Hobart Home TBA
Sept. 6 Harrah Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 13 Duncan Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 McGuinness Away OKC 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Clinton Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 Woodward *Homecoming* 7 p.m.
Oct. 11 Cache Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 25 Elgin Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 Anadrako Away 7 p.m.
Nov. 8 Piedmont Home 7 p.m.

Yukon Varsity Football Schedule
Aug. 16 PCO Away TBA
Aug. 22 Enid Away TBA
Sept. 6 Mustang Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 12 Edmond Santa Fe Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 Norman *Homecoming* 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Lawton Ike Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 Norman North *Spirit Night* Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 10Edmond North Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 Moore Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 24 Midwest City Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 Grant *Mini Miller Night* Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 7 PC North *Senior Night* Home 7 p.m.

Mustang Varsity Football Schedule
Sept. 6 Yukon Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 13 PC North Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 Stillwater Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Norman Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 3 Santa Fe HS Away (UCO) 7 p.m.
Oct. 10 Memorial HS Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 PC West Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 25 Choctaw Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 Lawton HS Away (Cameron Stadium) 7 p.m.
Nov. 8 South Moore Home 7 p.m.

Watonga Varsity Football Schedule
Sept. 6 El City Away 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 Burns Flat-Dill City Home 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Snyder Home 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 Crossings Christian Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 Minco Home 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 Pioneer Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 Cashion Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 Tulsa NOAH Home 7: 30 p.m.
Nov. 1 Crescent Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8 Carnegie *Senior Night* Home 7:30 p.m.

Woodward Varsity Footbal Schedule
Sept. 6 El Reno Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 13 Garden City Away 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 Northwest Classen Home 7 p.m.
Sept. 27 Piedmont Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 4 Weatherford Away 7 p.m.
Oct. 11 Elgin Home 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 Anadarko Away 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25 Cache Away 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1 Elk City Home 7 p.m.
Nov. 8 Clinton Home 7 p.m.

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Baby Veronica

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separation from Thompson, according to former friends. Although she was working, Maldonado was behind on her mortgage and other bills; she had been through yet another expensive, bruising legal battle with her ex, and she had been ordered to pay him $252 a month in child support and 63 percent of their children's medical expenses.

Brown, who had known Maldonado since they were both in high school, offered to help her get out of debt. In an interview last March, Brown told Indian Country Today Media Network that he knew she was stressed about money and said that he had saved about $7,500 and had offered to give all of it to her to pull out of her financial downward spiral. But she refused.

"She told me she 'had a plan,'" he said at the time. "But I didn't know that the plan was to put Veronica up for adoption. I offered to give her everything I had, but she didn't want it."

Later, in 2009, friends noticed that the old Honda Civic that Maldonado had been driving courtesy of a family member who was making her car payments for her, was suddenly traded in for a large SUV that she began driving around Bartlesville. Additionally, she had mysteriously regained her financial equilibrium and was able to get caught up on her mortgage.

"Christy Maldonado is a piece of work," said one insider. "Dusten's life in the military requires a lot of responsibility and time away from families and it comes with a lot of strings. She couldn't handle that and took it personally, like he was blowing her off. But he was working and she didn't like the demands of his job. So when she got pregnant, she had no intention of keeping the baby because the reality is that she didn't want to pay more child support and fight over another kid. And he blindly believed that she would never do something like this. But the irony is that here she is fighting over another kid and would rather seem him go to jail than have custody of Veronica."

In court testimony, Matt Capobianco admitted on the stand in South Carolina that he and his wife had given Maldonado money, which accounts for the record time in which Maldonado pulled out of her financial chaos. Under Oklahoma law, however, there is a limit to what birth mothers can be paid. Any more than that requires court approval, according to an Oklahoma adoption attorney. Those in the adoption industry say the state limit is often ignored when a desperate couple is seeking the assistance and cooperation of a birth mother who may be in financial straights.

The Capobiancos also testified that they paid for Maldonado's attorney fees and bought Christmas gifts for her and her two other children in 2009, as well as covering her airfare and expenses to travel to and from court hearings in South Carolina for trial. On the stand, Melanie Capobianco said that she and her husband had spent between "$30,000 to $40,000" for Veronica's adoption. But those expenses are now two years out of date, though no formal audit has ever taken place regarding the expenditures and receivables on either side. It is widely acknowledged, however, that the appellate and Supreme Court practitioners and their staffs worked pro bono for both parties in Adoptive Couple.

Additionally, it is unclear whether Maldonado claimed any of the funds or gifts she received from the Capobiancos or any of their supporters in the last four years as income, which may be taxable under IRS laws.

Last month, Maldonado, with a group of nine other women, filed a federal lawsuit in South Carolina seeking to overturn the Indian Child Welfare Act because of its "race-based" placement preferences. The litigation could have profound negative outcomes for Indian tribes across the country, including the Osage, from whom Maldonado has also benefited as an employee.

Officials for the Osage Nation of Oklahoma could not be reached for comment regarding Ms. Maldonado's extracurricular activities in filing anti-Indian litigation with far-reaching consequences.

For Maldonado, however, there is one bright spot.

McGill, in her midnight chat with Brown's supporters on Facebook, helpfully pointed out the she is working pro bono on Maldonado's behalf.

Six guilty pleas entered in bribery schemes involving Choctaw casino construction projects

By Randy Ellis

MUSKOGEE , OK-Six contractors and construction management officials pleaded guilty Monday to federal charges related to bribery schemes involving Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma casino construction projects.

Lauri Ann Parsons, left, and her husband, Brent Alan Parsons, leave the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Muskogee, OK, on Monday, Aug. 5, 2013, after Lauri Parsons pleaded guilty to charges against her that were unsealed earlier in the morning. Brent was to have his hearing on the same charges later in the day. Photo by Michael Wyke, Tulsa World Michael Wyke - AP

Co-conspirators used money generated by false billings and bribery schemes to finance lavish purchases and travel, including $855,625 spent at Louis Vuitton, $252,061 at Saks Fifth Avenue, $166,695 at Tiffany and Co., and $147,764 at Exclusive Resorts.

At least 52 firearms and firearm-related equipment valued at more than $104,000 also were purchased.

Doug Horn, first assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, estimated the financial loss to the tribe at about $7 million and said about $6 million in restitution already has been made.

Pleading guilty Monday in Muskogee federal court were two former Tulsa executives with Builders Steel Corp., two former construction management officials for Tulsa-based Flintco, a former Scott Rice office furniture sales executive and a former Choctaw Nation project manager for the Durant Casino and Hotel construction project.

Builders Steel President Lauri Ann Parsons, 45, and her husband, Brent Alan Parsons, 46, carried out three separate schemes to bribe officials and defraud the Choctaw Nation, according to a news release issued by the Muskogee U.S. attorney's office.

The illegal acts were committed from 2008 through 2010.

Various schemes

One scheme involved providing trips, vehicles, firearms, property, furniture, tuition, mortgage payments and other gifts to employees of the Choctaw Nation and Flintco. The gifts were provided in order to obtain bidding preference, higher prices and huge cash advances for services and materials not delivered, according to the news release.

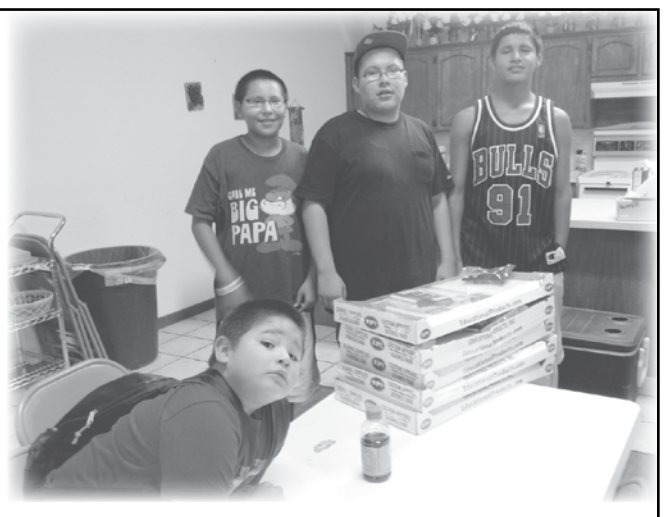
The second scheme involved conspiring to submit $345,000 in false invoices from Scott Rice to the Choctaw Nation. Proceeds allegedly were used to make a $25,000 deposit on an African safari and to purchase firearms, furniture and gifts.

The third scheme, carried out by Brent Parsons and other uncharged co-conspirators, involved agreeing to submit a false invoice from the Worth Group, which designed casinos and parking garages for the Choctaw Nation. Proceeds from that scheme were used to pay for $160,000 in trophy game killed by Brent Parsons and an uncharged co-conspirator at the Heartland Wildlife Ranch in Missouri.

James Winfield Stewart, 43, of Porter, a former salesman for Scott Rice in Oklahoma City who later worked as a salesman for Builders Steel, pleaded guilty to participating in the scheme to submit false invoices from Scott Rice.

Cordell Alan Bugg, 47, of Tulsa, a former Flintco vice president who was involved in the selection of contractors for the casino construction project, pleaded guilty to accepting bribes from Builders Steel and Lauri Parsons.

The bribes included a new 2009 Chevrolet Suburban, private school tuition payments for his children and mortgage payments, according to the federal charge.



They Cheyenne and Arapaho Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program recently distributed school supplies in many communities throughout Cheyenne and Arapaho country.

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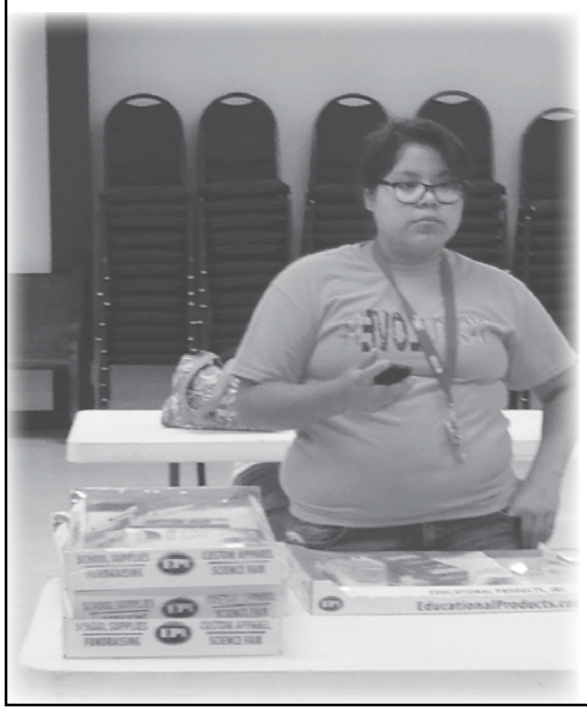

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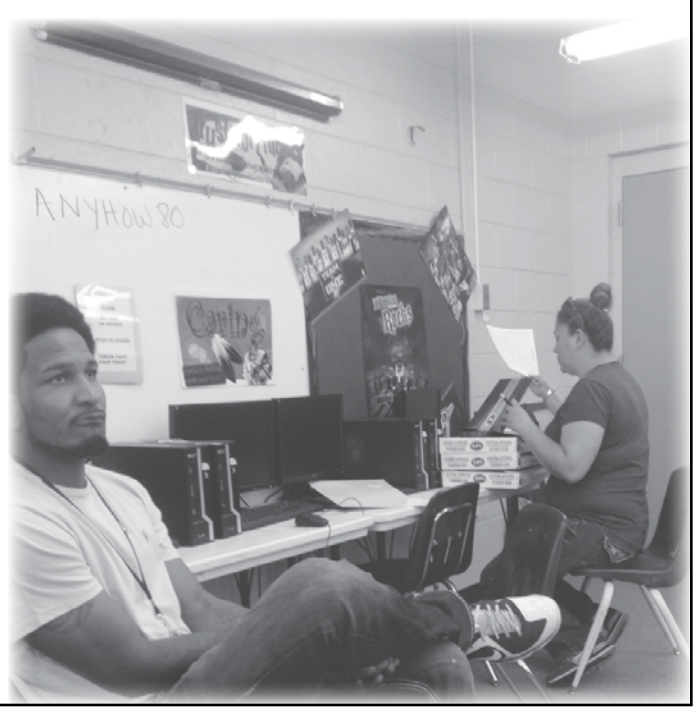

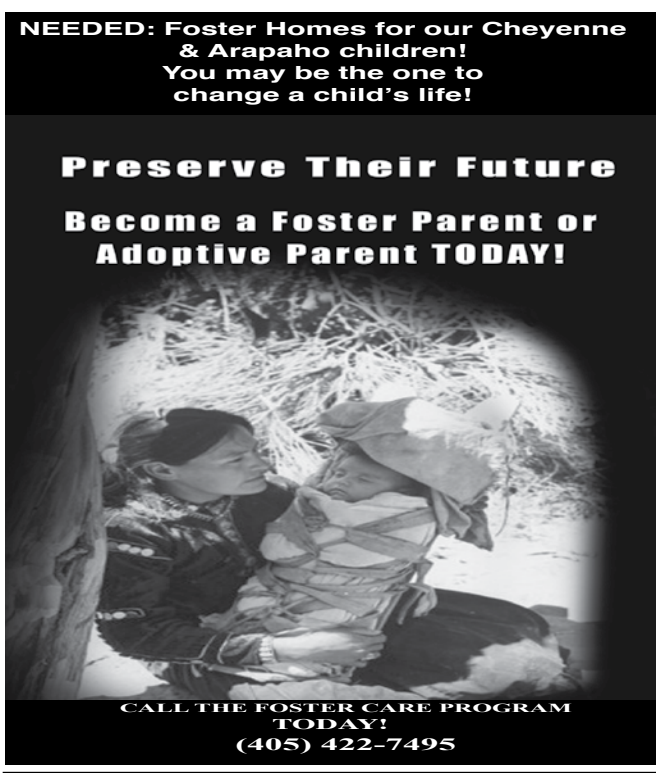
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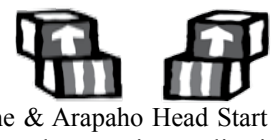

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Program Concho Center is continuously accepting applications for enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year. The Head Start Program is a comprehensive Child Development Program that is designed to promote high quality services and provide a range of individualized services in the area of Education, Early Childhood, Medical, Dental, Mental Health, Nutrition and Parent Involvement. Head Start Services are responsive and appropriate to each child and family's development, Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic experience.

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Master's student shares her journey

Submitted by Jeanna Dunham Ford

Hello, my name is Jeanna Dunham Ford, and I am a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

I am the daughter of Donna Chasenah of Weatherford, Okla., and the late Larry Dunham, of Shawnee, Okla. My maternal grandmother was the late Lenora Hart who was a special education teacher and instrumental in preservation of the Cheyenne languages. My Cheyenne family originally came from the Red Moon Community of Hammon, Okla. My great-grandparents were Homer and Jenny Hart, who farmed their allotment and devoted much of their lives working with the Indian Mennonite Church in Hammon. My great-great grandfather was Cheyenne chief, John Peakhart.

In 2001, I graduated from SWOSU with a Bachelors of Science in Biological Sciences and a minor in Psychology. I worked for several years for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Adult Education Program in Clinton helping our tribal members obtain their GED and assist with life skills and job skills.

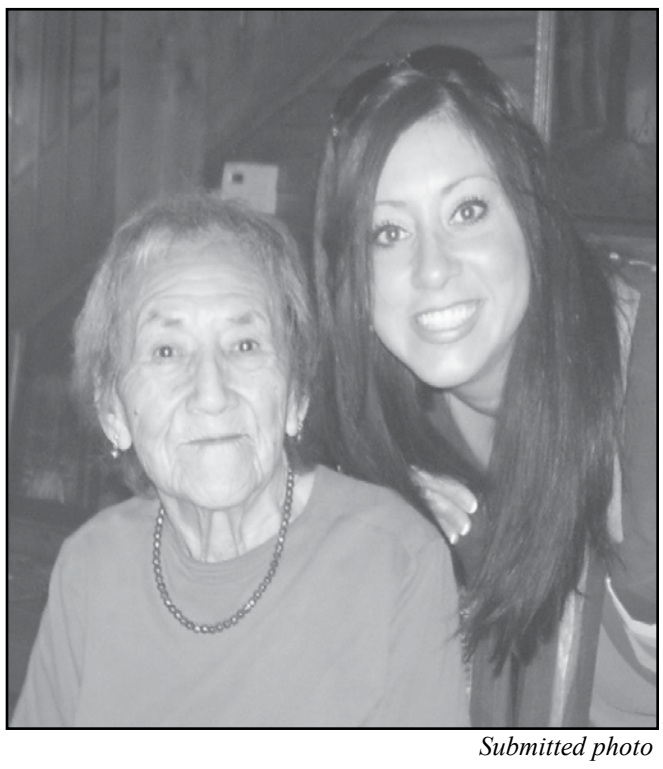
Growing up, I was always encouraged to be a nurse by my grandmother Lenora Hart, and great aunt Delores Hart, both who had worked as nurses.

In 2003 I decided to pursue my dream, and theirs, and go to nursing school at SWOSU. With help and support from my family and the Higher Education department, I graduated in 2005 with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing.

I worked for several years in the intensive care units at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Working with critically ill patients sparked an interest in palliative care.

Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life for patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness. The goals of palliative care are to prevent and relieve suffering, and to support the best possible quality of life for patients and their families by aggressive treatment of symptoms throughout the course of illness, the dying process, and death.

I eventually left OUMC and went to work for a hospice in Oklahoma City. I worked there for two years as a Case Manager, then as the Clinical Coordinator. I had the opportunity while working for the hospice to attend the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization annual conference in Washington DC. It was there that I saw how palliative care and hospice is supposed to function, and I realized how far we had to go in Oklahoma to meet their standards of care. I decided to attend graduate school, and try and make a difference in my chosen field for my patients.



Submitted photo

Jeanna Dunham Ford and her late grandmother, Lenora Hart.

In the fall of 2010 I started graduate school to obtain my masters degree as a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). A CNS is a Masters prepared advanced practice nurse whose role is to improve outcomes in patient care by functioning as an expert in clinical practice, education, research, and consultation.

A CNS is similar to a nurse practitioner, the main difference is that CNSs have an area of specialty, and are hospital based.

I graduated in December 2012, with a 4.0 GPA and honors. I became a member of Sigma Theta Tau, which is the national honor society of nursing. I sat for boards in March of 2013 and passed, obtaining my certification as an Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist.

I accepted a position at OU Medical Center to start their first palliative care program. I have been working with a physician to start an inpatient consultative service, and will serve as their advanced practice nurse. I have been writing order sets, policies and procedures, seeing patients, assisting with their care and medical decisions, and I recently accepted the chair of the Nursing Research Council.

I am currently studying for certification in my subspecialty, Advance Practice Hospice and Palliative Registered Nurse, and will take the certification exam this fall. Upon passing I will be the first CNS to ever obtain that specialized certification in the state of Oklahoma.

I currently live in Oklahoma City with my best friend and husband, Rick Ford, and our five children. Our oldest child is 16 and our youngest is 1 year old. Their love, support, and belief in me have allowed me to come this far. I am very blessed to have this opportunity to make a difference in patient's lives.

None of my education, especially graduate school, would have been possible if I did not have the support and encouragement from the Higher Education Program, especially Wanda Whiteman. Because of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal education program, encouragement, and emotional and financial support, I was able to complete my education and make a difference in the lives of so many patients. Many people are blessed through the work that our tribal education department does.

Col 3:17 - *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

El Reno Indian Clinic

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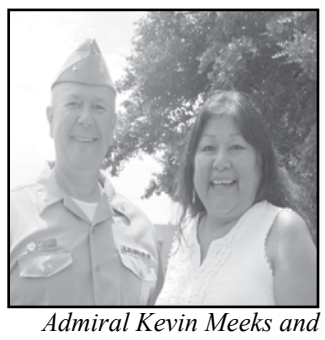


Admiral Kevin Meeks and Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell are working together to reopen the El Reno Indian Clinic.

ate with the family and they settled for $552,000, and the Tax Commission stepped right up and provided the funds. The building also has 2.8 acres with it, meaning there is room for expansion in coming years," Roman Nose said.

The building is already set up with a waiting room, several furnished exam rooms, an office area and has access to all utilities. The first step was to purchase the building and now the work begins to process the lease with IHS and making sure the building meets all the IHS standards.

Admiral Kevin Meeks, Director of the Oklahoma City Area of the IHS and responsible for the provision of comprehensive healthcare services to one of the largest and most diverse IHS service populations said the IHS is working with the tribes' to expedite a lease for the new building.

"The process, now that the tribes' has taken legal possession of the property, the tribes will enter into a lease with us which will start on that process as soon as possible. I realize when the tornado hit, and the other El Reno clinic had to be shut down it put a huge hardship on C&A tribal members as well as other Native Americans living in this area and we are happy to try and partner with the tribes in getting patients to the other facilities that provide services," Admiral Meeks, said. "On another note, I know that dental services will be a concern and I spoke with my chief dentist at area and he is trying to coordinate with the state of Oklahoma who has a dental van and to try and find out their open dates so maybe we can get access to that van to show up here ... its more than what we have right now."

The new health clinic is 4,500 square feet with over 35 parking spaces available.

At the time of this article, an exact opening date was not known, however, look for future announcements in the *Tribal Tribune* and on the tribes' Facebook page, www.facebook.com/cheyenneandarapahotribes.

Above: An examining room within the new El Reno Indian Clinic, just east of Mercy Hospital in El Reno, Okla.

Right: Larry Roman Nose conducts a blessing ceremony for the grounds and building.

Summer Macaroni Salad
Cooking with USDA Foods

Ingredients

2 cups dry elbow macaroni, cooked, rinsed, and drained

1/3 cup diced celery

1/4 cup minced red onion, soaked in cold water for 5 minutes, drained

1 tablespoon minced flat-leaf parsley

1/2 cup diced vine-ripened tomato (optional)

1/2 cup prepared mayonnaise

3/4 teaspoon dry mustard

1 1/2 teaspoons sugar

1 1/2 tablespoons cider vinegar

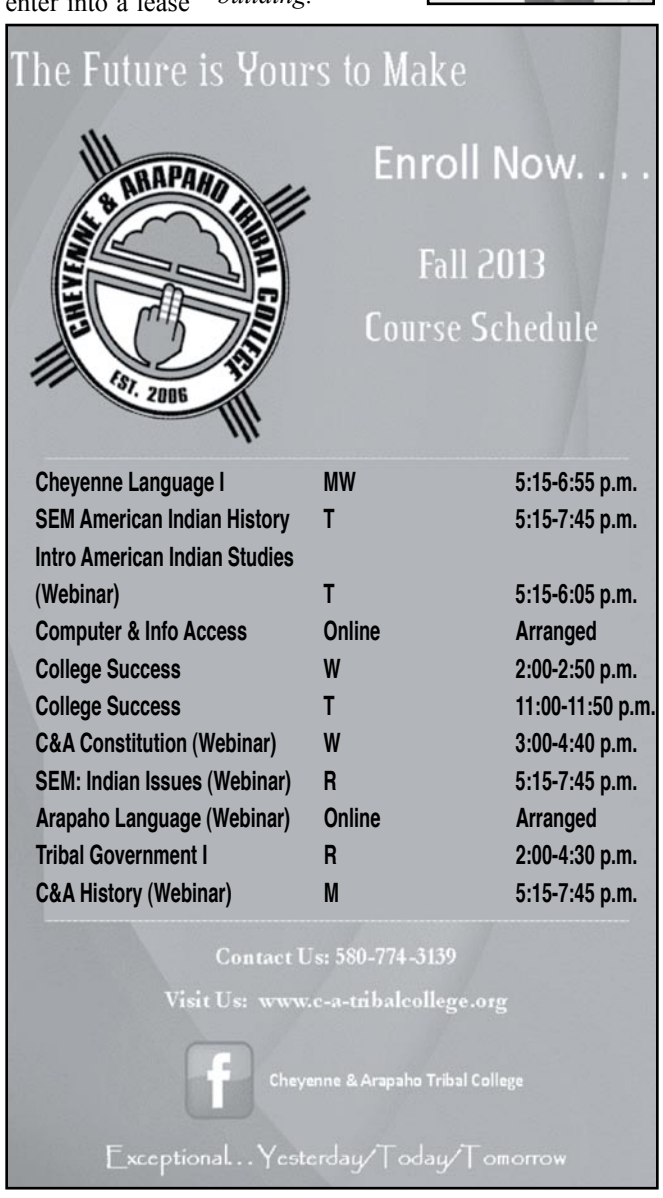
3 tablespoons sour cream

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste

Freshly ground black pepper

Directions

In a large bowl combine the macaroni, celery, onion, parsley and tomato, if using. In a small bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, mustard, sugar, vinegar, sour cream and salt. Pour the dressing over the salad and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve. Store covered in the refrigerator, for up to 3 days.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BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Indian Child Welfare Training

Aug. 20-21, 2013 at the Red Lion Hotel Portland Convention Center in Portland, OR. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

Society of Professional Journalists, Excellence in Journalism Conference

Aug. 24-26, 2013 at the Marriott in Anaheim, Calif. For more information visit www. excellenceinjournalism.org.

Indian Housing Law

Aug. 28-30, 2013 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The second annual Native American Housing Conference

Sept. 9-10, 2013 at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa in Cabazon, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativeamericanevents.com.

The Native American Finance Officers Association 2013 Fall Finance and Tribal Economics Conference-Expanding Horizons

Sept. 9-10, 2013 at the Sheraton in Seattle, WA. For more information or to register visit www.nafoa.com.

Indian Child Welfare Training

Sept. 9-12, 2013 at the Indian Child Welfare Training Institute in Portland, OR. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org/events/2013/09/09/indian-child-welfare-training-institute.

Indian Housing Training Conference

Sept. 10-13, 2013 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Tulsa, Okla. Free registration for Native Americans and those working wihin Indian Country. For more information or to register visit www.native-learningcenter.com/indian-housingtrainingconference.

Managing Financial Aspects of Construction Projects for Tribal Organizations

Sept. 19-20, 2013 at the Tropicana Hotel and Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The AIANTA American Indian Tourism Conference-The Economic Engine for Indian Country

Sept. 22-25, 2013 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Okla. For more information contact Kesselman-Jones, Inc. at (505) 266-3451 or visit www.AITC@KessJones.com.

The 16th annual National Tribal Transportation Conference

Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2013 at the Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel in Prior Lake, Minn. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

The National Indian Eduction Aassociation's 44th annual Conference

Oct. 28-Nov. 4, 2013 in Rapid City, S.D. More details to be released. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

EATING *well for* DIABETES

August Is National Breastfeeding Month

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends infants be exclusively breast fed for the first 6 months of life. The WHO recommends breastfeeding continue until the child is at least 2 years old or longer.

The Academy recommends breastfeeding with complimentary foods up to a year with breastfeeding. Globally, about 79 percent of infants are breastfed compared 21.4 percent here in the United States.

What are the benefits of breastfeeding?

Infants receive optimal nutrition, strong bonding with mother, safe, fresh milk, enhances their immune systems, reduces risks for severe lower respiratory tract infections and asthma, protects against allergies and intolerances, promotion of correct development of jaws and teeth, association with higher intelligence quotient and school performance through adolescence, reduced risk for chronic disease such as obesity, type 1 and 2 diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia and childhood leukemia, reduced risk of sudden infant death syndrome and infant mortality and morbidity.

Mothers build a strong bond with infant, increased energy expenditures which may lead to faster return of pre pregnancy weight, decreased risk for chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, breast and ovarian cancer, improved bone density and decreased risk for hip fracture, decreased risk for post- partum depression, time saved from preparing and mixing formulas as well as saving money from not having to purchase formula.

The United States needs to increase the number of women who breastfeed.

For more information on breastfeeding contact the Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7685.

Source: Journal of the American Dietetic Association Nov., 2009, Volume 109 Number 11.

Pre-diabetes, What is it? Do I have it?

Borderline, Impaired Glucose Tolerance, Impaired Fasting Glucose, Pre-diabetes – different words, same meaning.

Maybe you have been told you have borderline diabetes, or that you have impaired glucose tolerance (IFG). It could be that your doctor said you have impaired fasting Glucose (IFG). These terms all refer to the same condition: pre-diabetes. No matter what it is called, it means you are at high risk for getting diabetes. So what is borderline, IGT, IFG or pre-diabetes?

IGT is when a person's blood sugar is higher than normal, but not high enough to have diabetes. Borderline diabetes and IFG are other words that describe the same condition. Now, the word pre-diabetes is used to help warn people that they are at risk for getting type 2-diabetes.

No matter which term you hear, they all mean the same thing: your blood sugar is higher than normal, but not high enough to have diabetes right now. Still, you are at risk for getting diabetes later on.

The good news is you can make changes to prevent or delay diabetes.

The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) showed us that some people with pre-diabetes can reverse this condition.

If you have pre-diabetes, you can do things that may help bring your blood sugar back to the normal range.

Start today. You can do things to bring your blood sugar back to normal range. Be more active every day. Eat less high-fat and high sugar food. Lose some weight: losing 10-15 pounds can help. Maybe you can get rid of IGT or stop being borderline. You may be able to decrease pre-diabetes. Here are some facts you should know.

What signs are there that you may have pre-diabetes?

You are overweight.

One or both of your parents have type 2 diabetes.

You had a baby who weighed more than nine pounds at birth.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) also includes two other factors:

High blood pressure.

High blood fats.

How can you know for sure if you have pre-diabetes?

Talk with your health care provider. There are simple blood tests to check for pre-diabetes. All American Indian/ Alaska Native adults, at risk for diabetes, should have a blood sugar test at least once year. Most health care providers will ask you to get a fasting blood sugar test to check for pre-diabetes or diabetes. Others may ask you to get a glucose tolerance test.

Can I prevent or delay getting diabetes?

The DPP study shows that if you have pre-diabetes you can make changes to prevent or delay diabetes. In fact, the DPP showed some people with pre-diabetes are able to reverse this condition. If you have pre-diabetes, you can do things that may help bring your blood sugar back to the normal range. Start today. Talk with your health care provider who will make suggestions like:

Make some lifestyle changes. Start with small changes. Small changes in eating and physical activity can lead to bigger changes that you can stick with.

Lose weight, about 10-15 pounds (or around seven percent of your weight).

Here are two things that can help you lose weight:

Change your eating habits. Eat more vegetables and fruits. Cut back on your portion sizes. Eat less high-fat, high-sugar foods.

Be more active. Walking is one of the best ways to be more active. Start slowly and work up to 30 minutes or more a day, five or more days a week.

Why would you want to know if you have pre-diabetes?

There are two reasons you might want to know if you have pre-diabetes.

If you have pre-diabetes, your blood sugar is higher than normal. You do not have diabetes. However, medical studies show that your high blood sugar may already be harming your body. People with pre-diabetes are at higher risk for getting type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

If you find out you have pre-diabetes, you can take steps now to prevent or delay diabetes. You may be able to bring your blood sugar back to the normal range.

If you have pre-diabetes, and make no lifestyle changes, will you get diabetes?

Probably. People with pre-diabetes are at very high risk for getting type 2 diabetes in the next five to ten years.

If you have pre-diabetes, how often should you see your health care provider?

It is best to see your health care provider at least once a year. Your health care provider can check your blood sugar with a simple blood test. People who have pre-diabetes, who lose weight (10-15 pounds) and become more active, can return their blood sugar to normal. Get your blood sugar checked at least once a year.

Could I have pre-diabetes and not know it?

Yes. People with pre-diabetes almost never have symptoms. In fact, millions of people have pre-diabetes or type 2-diabetes and do not know it. Ask your health care provider about pre-diabetes and getting a fasting blood sugar test.

Indian Housing conference in Tulsa

Hollywood, Fla.-The Native Learning Center (NLC), a Seminole tribe of Florida program dedicated to the development of cultural and quality of life skills for all Native and Indigenous people, announces the expansion of trainings outside the state of Florida. The Indian Housing Training Conference has been moved, and now hosted at the DoubleTree by Hilton Tulsa Downtown in Tulsa, Okla., on Sept. 10-13, 2013.

The NLC will provide housing professionals with the tools to maintain good homes, build affordable homes, improve public safety, and provide essential building blocks to a healthy community in the heart of Indian Country. Over the course of this four-day conference, participants will be able to join critical sessions related to Tribal housing programs that are imperative to HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program.

To register for the Indian Housing Training Conference and see a preliminary agenda, visit www.nativelearningcenter.com/indianhousingtrainingconference.

The Native Learning Center (NLC) is an educational resource that offers Native and Indigenous people the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills that improve quality of life through housing related educational programs. The NLC hosts conferences and individual courses that bring Native and Indigenous people together to discuss vital topics that promote cultural development within Indian Country. In cooperation with the Housing and Urban Development Office, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs (EWONAP), and various Native American trainers throughout Indian Country, the NLC developed areas of concentration to complement current national organizations that support EWONAP's mission to promote development of native housing and housing related activities. For more information, visit www.nativelearningcenter.com, call (954) 985-2300.

Congratulations to Xzavier Noel Rodriquez

Xzavier Noel Rodriguez is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. He is 12 years old and will be in the sixth grade at Sequoyah Elementary School in Oklahoma City this coming school year. Xzavier also attends the Oklahoma Nazarene Indian Church and attends weekly Children's Bible Quizzing (CBQ) classes.

Xzavier is the grandson of Julia Kay Rodriquez of Oklahoma City and the great-grandson of the late Edna Starr-Hawk and James Hawk Sr.

He recently qualified to represent his church in the World Bible Quiz 2013 held in Indianapolis, IN. The Nazarene Indian Church raised $800 to send Xzavier to the event where he was awarded with a second place trophy.

The purpose of the CBQ is to incorporate Bible teachings into everyday life. The goal of the weekly class is to allow the child to grow in their ability to reflect Christian attitudes and behaviors during the competition. During the event, children do not compete against each other to determine one winner, but challenge themselves to each award levels by quizzing against their base of knowledge of the Bible.

Congratulations, Xzavier,

Your Cheyenne family is very proud of you.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

45th Anniversary Dance for Burton and Diane Hawk

Aug. 17, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., and supper at 6 p.m. For more information contact Phyllis White Thunder (405) 538-9651.

InterTribal Indian Club of Tulsa Powwow of Champions

Aug. 17-19, 2013 at Oral Roberts University, 7777 S. Lewis in Tulsa, Okla. Doors open Friday at 5 p.m. On Sat. and Sun. at 10 a.m. Call (918) 378-4494 or (918) 838-8276 for more information.

IASAP Advisory Board Meeting

11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Aug. 19, 2013 at the Native American Church Building in Concho, Okla. Agenda-Tribal Community Safety Action Plan (TCSAP). Everyone welcomed to attend, dinner and refreshments will be provided. For more information contact John Blackowl at (405) 201-3609.

American Indian Expo

Aug. 22-24, 2013 at Caddo County Fairgrounds in Anadarko, Okla.

Parade on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. Come to the American Indian Expo to enjoy contest dancing, a carnival, parades, dance contests, pageants, a fry bread contest, talent presentations, crafts, concessions and to immerse yourself in the history and ways of present-day Native American tribes. featuring the arts, crafts and traditions of 14 plains Indian tribes. Call 405-247-6651.

Memorial Dance for Edward Truman Whiteshield and Benjamin David Whiteshield

Aug. 24, 2013 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Paint Ceremony begins at 1 p.m. Gourd dance at 3 p.m. followed by a dinner break at 5:30 p.m. Flying the flag of Richard Tall Bull Sr. A special invitation to all Dog Soldier and Kit Fox Clansmen.

Lucky Star Casino presents Don Williams and John Anderson

Aug. 30, 2013 at Clinton Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For tickets visit www.ticketstorm.com.

The 90th annual Labor Day Powwow

Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, 2013 at the Colony powwow grounds in Colony, Okla. For vendor information contact Cinci Hill at (405) 887-4689.

The 2013 Barefoot Powwow

Sept. 6-8, 2013 at the Barefoot Park in Canton, Okla. Honor flags to be flown, Friday, Sept. 6, Albert Littleman, Saturday, Sept. 7, George Sutton and Sunday, Sept. 8, Zach Limpy. Special contests, Gourd dancing and giveaways. Grand Entry 7 p.m. nightly. For more information contact Angeline Sankey at (405) 313-3567, Troy Littleraven at (405) 884-2947, Barney Sankey at (580) 791-2605 or Michelle BigFoot at (405) 219-9329.

Oklahoma Indian Summer Celebration

Sept. 20-22, 2013 at Bartlesville Community Center, 300 S.E. Adams Blvd., in Bartlesville, Okla. Youth and adult powwows with competitive and non-competitive dancing, storytelling, a talent show, church service and gospel singing. For more information call (918) 331-0934.

Fort Sill Indian School Annual Reunion

Oct. 4-5, 2013 at the Campus Gym in Lawton, Okla. Friday, Oct. 4 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. For more information contact Phyllis Hunter at (405) 247-1558.

LEGISLATIVE COMMUNITY MEETINGS

All meetings are 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and lunch will be served. Please plan on attending to speak with your legislators regarding Legislative Actions.

Aug. 20 - Seiling Community Center
Aug. 27 - Watonga Community Center

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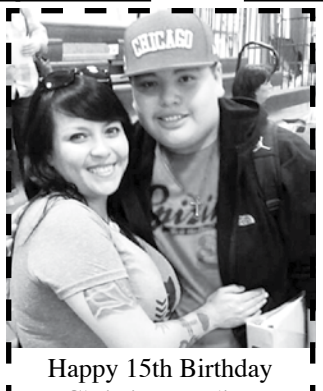
http://www.facebook.com/ocaihs

CLINTON SERVICE UNIT

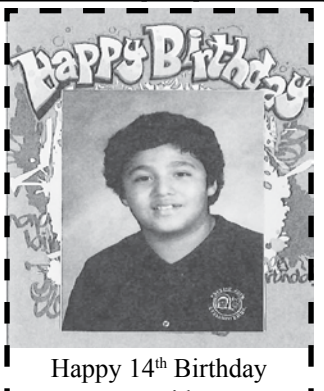
Happy Birthday

Happy 18th Birthday
Becka Mae
From tiny toes
to Barbie dolls.
From Barbie dolls
to make-up.
From make-up to high
school boys.
From boys to college.
Growing, it never ends.
It is sometimes hard to let
you grow and
become a success.
Yet I know you will find
your way as your dreams
come alive.
I wish you the best that life
can offer and remember you
are only young once!
So live it to the fullest.
Wishing you a Happy
Birthday Pea Pot, from our
hearts to yours

Happy Birthday
Charity Vo-Stephens
Aug. 22
Love your family in
Oklahoma and your son
Kyelan, daughter Kashlei
and hubby Dillon!



Happy 15th Birthday
Christian Harding
Sheridan
I love you more than
anything. No matter how
old you get you will
always be my munchkin.
Love you mucho baby,
mom



Happy 14th Birthday
David
Aug. 2
Love your family

Happy Belated Birthday
Jaden Emillie
July 15
Love your family

Happy Birthday grandma
Joyce!!
Aug. 20
We love you!
From Jaimee, George,
Jazmine and baby Joyce

Happy 17th Birthday
Justice Kade Black, son of
Alana Black, grandson of
Victoria and Michael Black
Love you, Senior 2014

Happy 1st Birthday
Keelynn Black
Aug. 9
Daughter of Tajah Black,
grand daughter of Alana
Black, great granddaughter
of Victoria and Michael,
great-great granddaughter
of Marvin and June Black

Happy 1st Birthday baby
Marla
We love you
From grandma and mom

Happy 21st Birthday
Nick Durfee!
We are very proud of
the young man you have
become. Love mom, dad,
Jess, and Teddy.

Happy Birthday Stephanie!
Aug. 18
You are a wonderful and
amazing mom and
wife!!
Thank you for all of
your love! We love you,
Michelle,
Kynadee, Lauren, Rylee,
Ryan, Kyle, Caleb, Dylan,
and your husband!!

Happy 1st Birthday
Jrue Lachese
Aug. 7
Your smile sparkles like
the stars in the sky and and
you have touched the
hearts of so many in your
short one year of life -
you are God's gift.
Love forever, grandma
and papa

Happy 4? Birthday
Tommy Beartrack Jr.
Love you babe because you
love me!
Your wicked curve ball
xoxoxoxoxoxoxo

Happy Belated 12th
Birthday
July 26
Zachary Chance Black
son of Victoria & Michael!
Much love, all your
relations

Happy Belated Birthday
Terrie Jean
Love you cousin!!
Nick Noggles, Tarzan and
Jean-Gotcha!!
Those were the days!

Warriors from back when,
gone, but not forgotten
Melvin Ray (Fire-Chief)
Black and Ronald Nibbs
Love and miss you

Happy Birthday
Patrick Guerrero Jr.
Aug. 20
To old to mention

Happy 18th Birthday
Patricia Marian Guerrero
Sept. 9

Aug. 4 Justise Galbreath
10 years old
Aug. 25 Krystianna
Guzman, 10 years old
Aug. 27 Nicolette Guzman
24 years old
Aug. 29 Derek Harvie
17 years old
Aug. 31Toni Starr
31 years old
Happy Birthday from aunt
Myra and uncle Frank, love
all of you very much!

It's A Girl

Ryan Campbell and Vanessa Starr would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Jasmine Marie Campbell.

She weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs and was born on July 16, 2013 at OU Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Maternal grandparents are Karen Kotay Starr and the late Paul Lee Starr III. Her maternal great-grandparents are the late Ralph and Mildred Kotay and Patricia Stoneroad Starr and the late Paul Lee Starr Jr.

Paternal grandparents are Myra Campbell and Frank Jenkins III. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Elvena Starr Campbell and Douglas Campbell.

Jasmine has two older sisters, Elsie and Starr Wolfchief and two older brothers, Adham and Cadience Campbell.

In Loving Memory

Recently, Margie Deer passed away. Margie has been an employee of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes since 2000 and held the position of REACH Coordinator from the inception of the REACH 2010 Grant in 2000 until January 2010. In February 2012 Margie became the Health Education Director.

Margie was born Jan. 21, 1939 and left us on Aug. 8, 2013 at the age of 74. Originally from Anadarko, Okla., Margie was a member of the Wichita/Caddo tribe.

In 1998, Margie received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. In 1991, Margie received a Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma. In that same year, Margie received the credential of Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

Margie's career was devoted to health promotion and disease prevention through public health education. Margie was passionate about making a difference in people's lives.

Margie was much younger than her age. She was athletic and it showed. Most of her time here with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Margie was seen exercising. In recent years, many could see her bowling, golfing, and even jogging around the track at Darlington School. Margie brought her expertise on Caddo dancing to many Tribal youth. Her line dancing classes were a hit. Margie taught smoking cessation classes which promotes a healthier person by quitting smoking. In April 2012, at the 7th Generation Tobacco Conference, Margie was honored by the organization for her dedication and commitment of their cause.

Margie began her battle with pancreatic cancer in April 2011. When Margie's doctors said there was no hope and only giving her seven months to live, Margie changed doctors. She never gave up, had a positive attitude, and worked up until March 2013. She was a fighter even as early as last week she went out and received a haircut. She touched many people lives in a way that they will always remember the kind and caring person Margie was. She had many friends.

She leaves behind three daughters, a son, many grandchildren, and even great grandchildren. Margie, we love you and miss you always.

In Loving Memory

Paul Moss Franklin was born Sept. 25, 1958 in Shiprock, N.M. He died July 28, 2013 in El Reno, Okla.

Paul was raised in Concho, Okla. and graduated from Chilocco Indian School. He attended Canadian Valley Vo-Tech where he received a certificate in computer repair. He also attended El Reno Junior college and graduated from Southwest Automotive.

He was employed at Wal-Mart and was a member of the Sacred Heart Church.

He is survived by a brother, Virgil Franklin Jr., of El Reno, sisters, Dara Franklin, El Reno, Berniese Wells, Towaoc, Colo., Yvonne Wilson, El Reno and Bobbi Thompson, Geary.

Grandchildren included Stephanie Roman Nose, Carter and Eryn Roman Nose, Ethan Whitlow, Chebon Whitlow and William Whitlow, II.

Wake services were held on July 31 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 1, also at the Concho Community Center.

Officiating were Rev. Jimmy White and Rev. Frank Kauahquo.

Burial was at the Concho Cemetery under the direction of Huber-Benson Funeral Home.

In Loving Memory

McKenzie Rae Blackwolf "Toots" was born Dec. 26, 1982 in Okeene, OK to the late Tommy Joe Blackwolf Sr. and Alana Deene Blackwolf. She departed this life on Aug. 4, 2013 in Canton, Okla.

She attended Canton schools. McKenzie enjoyed playing handgame and going to pow-wows. She was a proud member of the Arapaho Nation. She participated in her ceremonies in Ethete, Wyo. for the Arapaho Sundance. She enjoyed spending time with her family and making everyone laugh. The greatest blessing to her was her daughter, Nikota Lynn, whom she loved with all her heart. She is survived by her daughter Nikota Lynn Blackwolf-Haag of Calumet, Okla., mother Alana Blackwolf of Canton, Okla., sister Jamie Yellowfish and her husband James of Oklahoma City, brothers Tommy "Joey" Blackwolf Jr. and Corey James Blackwolf of Canton, Okla., loving companion Dorothy Carrasco of Kingfisher, Okla, three nephews, Chris Fairbanks, Jr., Desmond Fairbanks and Nea'he Fairbanks of Oklahoma City and many beloved cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tommy Joe Blackwolf Sr., maternal grandparents, James Scabbyhorse, Cora and Jed Querdibitty; great-grandparents, Arapaho Chief Arthur Sutton and Sallie (Blackbear) Sutton; paternal grandparents, Thomas Joseph Blackwolf and Lena Smoker; Traditional wake service was held Aug. 8, 2013 at the Canton Native American Gymnasium and funeral services on Aug. 9, 2013 at the same venue.

Reverend George Akeen, Jr. and Pastor Gerald Panana will officiate. Interment will be in Canton Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Haigler-Pierce Funeral Home.

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Employment:

Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Substitute Teacher Aides-Head Start
Concho, Clinton, Canton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:

High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL.Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing. Must complete supplemental application. Must complete OKDHS criminal review application. Must pass background investigation.

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Teachers-Head Start
Canton, Concho, Clinton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:

CDA, AA, BA Degree in Early Childhood education and a minimum of two years experience working in an early childhood education classroom or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Early childhood education formal training and able to receive a CDA or an AA degree within 180 days of employment. Must pass drug and alcohol test. Must complete supplemental application. Must complete OKDHS Criminal Review Application. Must pass background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

CHR Van Driver-F.T.
C-A Service Area
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:

Valid Oklahoma driver's license and current driving record from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Obtain a current CPR certification. Must reside in or near service area. Must pass physical examination and be in good physical condition. TB Skin Test Required. High School diploma or GED certification required. Satisfy an OSBI background check. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. No history of chemical abuse. Attend training and continuing education requirements. Able to communicate effectively with different personalities. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Wellness Technician
R.E.Sp.E.C.T.
Closing date:
Open Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Valid Oklahoma driver's license and reliable transportation. Must have an active background in sports, recreation and exercise. Must have the ability to interact and communicate with varied educational levels. Must have at least one year of experience working in the sports, recreational or exercise fields. Be knowledgeable of and sensitive to the tribal member's culture, heritage and beliefs. Adult and child CPR/First Aid certificate required. Able to perform professionally and culturally in an appropriate manner. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Green House
Garden Assist.
Food Dist. Watonga
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Prefer knowledge and experience in the area of gardening and greenhouses. Knowledge of traditional Native foods and cultivation of foods. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Ability to communicate proficiently both orally and written. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs. Display a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner. High School Diploma or GED certification required. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Green House Garden
Project Coord.
Food Dist., Watonga, Okla.
Closing date:
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Associate's degree or certificate in landscaping, gardening or horticulture preferred. Knowledge and experience in the area of gardening and greenhouses. Knowledge of traditional Native foods and cultivation of foods. Ability to research and implement healthy and organic gardening methods. Two years supervisory experience. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Ability to communicate proficiently both orally and written. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs. Knowledge of financial reporting/budgets. Display a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

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CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Application Of:
A.B.T.
DOB: 01/23/98
A Minor Child
By and through her Mother
Jeannie Tallbear
To Change Her Name

Case No: CIV-2013-0078

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that Jeannie Tallbear has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change of minor child, as follows, to wit: from A.B.T. to A.M.T. and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 30TH day of JULY, 2013.

Ricque Richardson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Jeannie Tallbear
5910 N. Radio Rd.
El Reno, OK 73036

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
A.C. DOB: 08/27/97
A Minor Child

Case No: PG-2013-0002

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: DAWN SANKEY

You are hereby notified that TOMMY VANN has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardianship of the person and/or estate of A.C., minor child, and that on 30TH day of MARCH, 2013, the petitioner, TOMMY VANN was granted Temporary Guardianship of the minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Permanent Hearing to be heard in the Court room of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 20TH day of AUGUST, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause why said Permanent Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 23RDday of JULY, 2013.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Tommy Vann

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

MYRLIE HAWK, Petitioner,
vs.
DESIRAE HARJO, Respondent,

Case No: CIV-2013-0031

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: DANIEL HARJO

You are hereby notified that MYRLIE HAWK has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, DADE A. HARJO and DEACON HARJO, minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 28th day of AUGUST, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 26th day of JULY, 2013.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Myrlie Hawk
Desirae Harjo
Rt 3 Box 34 Lot 33
Kingfisher, Ok 73750

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CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Estate Of:
DELORES RACHEL LITTLE COYOTE-WHITEMAN
Deceased

Case No. P-2013-03

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

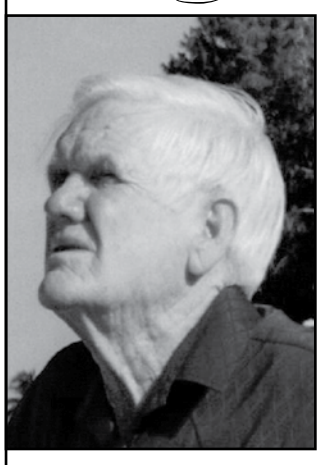
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Any and all Heirs of Delores Rachel Little Coyote-Whiteman, deceased.

You are hereby notified that VIRGINIA REYES has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Personal Representative of the Estate of Delores Rachel Little Coyote-Whiteman, deceased. That said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 28TH day of AUGUST, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 24TH day of July, 2013

Ricque Richardson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

In Loving Memory



Donald Vernon Hatch of Canton, Oklahoma passed away peacefully Aug.7, 2013 at Okeene Hospital in Okeene, Okla., after battling lung cancer. Hatch was born in Port Arthur, Texas on Nov. 9, 1929 to Leonard and Katie Mae Simms Hatch.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Viola (Sutton) Hatch whom he married on June5, 1954. He is also survived by his children, Sue Silcott and husband David, Hollie Youngbear and husband Duke, and Donald (Buddy) Vernon Hatch Jr. and companion Robin Noyes; eight grandchildren including Nikolas Hatch, Brian Fielder, Dusty Fielder, Regina Greeley, Melanie Youngbear, Adam Youngbear, Darren Silcott and Ryan Silcott; and sister Doris Hatch. Close family members Kenneth and June Paulsen, Camp families of White Eagle, his brother Dennis Banks, and all the brothers and sisters of the American Indian movement.

Hatch had a successful career in the military when at the age of 15 he joined the Merchant Marines where he traveled overseas to many other countries and recalls celebrating his 16th birthday in France. He also joined the U.S. Air Force and ranked as a Corporal where he served as a B-25 mechanic for three years when he was stationed at Vance Air Force base in Enid Okla. After a few years Hatch went back to Sea where he spent the next 15 years working as an able bodied seaman in the Merchant Marines.

In 1962 he returned to Oklahoma where he was employed at Kenneth Paulsen's Texaco Service Station in Canton. He was also employed by Delbert Strands 66 Service Station and spent 15 years at Waldon's manufacturing plant in Fairview.

Don and his wife Viola and family members became active members of the American Indian movement (AIM). Don and Viola were politically active at the protest of Hammon school which resulted in the formation of the Institute of the Southern Plains School of Hammon, Okla. After Hammon, Don and Viola went to help at the occupation of Wounded Knee where Don was adopted into the Henry Crowdog family. He enjoyed old man Crowdog getting out his guitar and singing Lakota courting songs.

Since Wounded Knee, Don and Viola have traveled extensively all over the world fighting for the causes of the Indigenous people. They also led The Walk for Survival of Family and Mother Earth in remembrance of the Indian prisoners that were incarcerated at Ft. Marion Prison in Florida. They were the first Indian people that led such a walk for the native Prisoners. Don was also among the demonstration and coalition to protect Bear Butte.

Don once said and will be best remembered by his words when he said, " We've had a good, rich life. We have a wonderful family we're really close to and I wouldn't want it any other way."

Hatch is preceded in death by his parents, a son Roger Hatch, two brothers Retired Captain's Gale and Buddy Hatch, a sister June Pierce, and two great grandsons David Youngbear and Daryl Youngbear. A wake service was held Aug. 10, 2013 at the Canton Native American Gymnasium. Funeral services were held Aug. 11, 2013 at the same venue with an Interment atCanton Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Haigler-Pierce Funeral Home.

2013 Ceremony Contributions Notice

Return of Ceremony Contribution Receipts

Participants who have received assistance for the 2013 Cheyenne and Arapaho Ceremony's will have to turn receipts in on or before August 30, 2013.

This is due to you signing a Acknowledgement of Receipt, you are responsible for TURNING IN ALL RECEIPTS related to your application for 2013 ceremonial contribution to the staff of the Culture and Heritage Program.

In agreement of receiving Culture and Heritage Program tribal funds you agreed failure to turn in all related ceremonial receipts will be considered non-compliance, and will FORFEIT ANY FUTURE CONTRIBUTION you may apply for.

Note: Without ORIGINAL receipts (Proper Documentation of attendance) the contribution could be considered misuse of tribal funds and may incur prosecutable offenses for recipient.

Thank you,
The Culture and
Heritage Program

In Loving Memory

Charlene Sutton Lime (Woxu'sei-Grass Woman) was born to Arapaho Chief Harry Arthur Sutton and Sallie Blackbear Sutton on Jan. 11, 1943. She departed this life at the age of 70 on July 26, 2013 at OU Medical Center after a brief illness.

She attended Canton High School, and married Maurice "Funny" Lime Jr. They made their home in Canton, Okla. and she worked at Canton Lucky Star Casino.

Charlene is survived by three brothers, Arapaho chiefs, William Ray Sutton, Allen Sutton and Kenneth Paulsen; sisters, Nancy Sutton, Lavonta Sutton Kenrick, Ava Sutton Benson, Marcella Sutton Armijo, Viola Sutton Hatch and Wilda Sutton Gould along with many beloved nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and foster children.

Charlene was preceded in death by her baby Nell Jeanette Hadley, her husband, Maurice "Funny" Lime Jr., her parents, brother Arthur Warren Sutton, sisters Cora Sutton Scabbyhorse Querdibitty , Patricia Sutton Walker and Georgia Sutton Roberts.

She enjoyed going to powwows, playing cards with family and friends, bingo, was on the Canton powwow committee and was a member of the Arapaho Nation handgame team. She also played with the Senior Handgame team that travels to Crow Agency, Mont. Charlene traveled many times to Ethete, Wyo. for the Arapaho Sundance Offerings Lodge Ceremony held every year.

She was baptized at a young age and reaffirmed her salvation through Jesus Christ.

A traditional wake service was held July 28, 2013 at the Canton Native American Gym with Pastor Gerald Panana officiating. Funeral services will were held July 29, 2013 at Canton School's Multi-purpose building with Pastor Steve Driskill, Pastor Gerald Panana and Pastor Frank Kauahquo officiating. An Interment followed at the Canton Indian Mennonite Cemetery south of Canton. Okla. Services were under the direction of Haigler-Pierce Funeral Home.

Concho Child Care Development Center

Aug. 7, 2013

This Way to the FUN Day

2013 BAREFOOT POWWOW

SEPT. 6-8, 2013

Barefoot Park-Canton, Okla.

Little Miss Barefoot Princess-Happy Shortman
Jr. Miss Barefoot Princess-Abigail Baker
Sr. Miss Barefoot Princess-Carmen Sankey

HEAD STAFF:
MC-Burl Buffalomeat
Chubby Sankey
HS(s)-O.T. Sankey, Auggie Hamilton
John Hamilton
HMD-Chauncy Sutton
HWD-Dwight Whitebuffalo
HLD-Ann Kauly
HLB-Douglas "Dougie" Keesie
HLG-Caydan Watan
Honored Elder-Daisy Green
AD(s)-Joe Hardage
Willie Bullcoming
Color Guard-Cheyenne & Arapaho Color Guard
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Special Contest Rules:
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FRIDAY-ALBERT LITTLEMAN
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SUNDAY-ZACH LIMPY

Grand Entry: Tentatively 7 p.m. Nightly
Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m. Gourd Dancing-GiveAways-Specials
5 p.m. Supper Break

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Invitation To All People 2013 Colony Labor Day Powwow

On behalf of the Colony Labor Day powwow committee, I would like to welcome everyone to this year's 90th annual Colony Labor Day powwow.

Colony has been a cultural annual homecoming event where both our Cheyenne and Arapaho people have come to gather to preserve our culture, through our languages, dance and traditional dress.

Historically Colony powwow has been a place where families, friends and distant relatives have come to camp, eat, visit and dance together on Labor Day holiday weekend.

This year we set aside a day where we celebrate our youth, recognize our Chiefs and honor our Elders.

The Colony powwow committee would like to extend a special invitation to our Chiefs, both Cheyenne and Arapaho, to come camp, visit and be among your people this Labor Day weekend.

The Colony powwow flyer states that Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013 will be a day for the youth. The tribal program R.E.Sp.E.C.T. will provide activities for the youth.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013 is a day we will recognize all our Chiefs and they will parade in with Grand Entry.

On Monday, Sept. 2, 2013 we set aside this day to Honor our Elders. This year all 90 year old elders and above will be recognized after the Grand Entry.

We also welcome everyone to celebrate and recognize our special guest, State Supreme Court Justice, Yvonne Kauger. A fourth generation Oklahoman from Colony, Okla. and a honorary member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

The committee would like to thank all the people, tribal leaders, Lucky Star Casinos and tribal programs involved in helping with this year's powwow.

Respectfully,
Virgil Franklin Jr.
Chairman-Colony
Labor Day Powwow
Committee

90TH ANNUAL COLONY LABOR DAY POWWOW
Colony, Okla.
Aug. 31-Sept. 2

Cheyenne Princess
Alicia Belle Doran Reed

Arapaho Princess
Nelsie Redbird

Color Guard: Haskell Color Guard
Buddy Bond Color Guard
MC-Burl Buffalomeat
Allen Fletcher
HS-Howling Buffalo Singers
HMD-Dwight Whitebuffalo
HLD-Janet Bullcoming
HGD-Wilbur Bullcoming
HLBD-Alex Ocha
HLGD-Audrina Trout
Aliyah Starr
Honored Veteran-Melvin Miles
Honored Elders- All 90 (+) year old Elders
Special Guest-Justice Yvonne Kauger
Arena Directors-Ha'Stylez

Honor Flags:
Saturday-Calvin Magpie
Sunday-Bruce Whiteman Sr.
Monday-Donald Spottedcorn Sr.

Sat. Aug. 31-Youth Day-R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Activities
Sun. Sept. 1-Chiefs Day-Meal Served 6 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 2-Elder's Day-90 years (+)

Vendor Information
Cinci Hill (405) 887-4689
Handgame Information
Ida Hoffman (405) 201-4926
Powwow Information
Virgil Franklin Jr-Chairman (405) 262-0137
Louella Oldbear-Vice Chair (405) 426-2278
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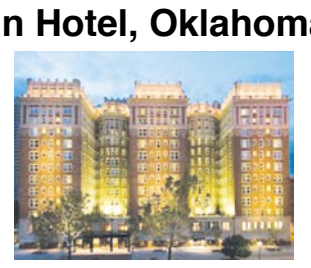
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2013
Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City



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DR. HENRIETTA MANN

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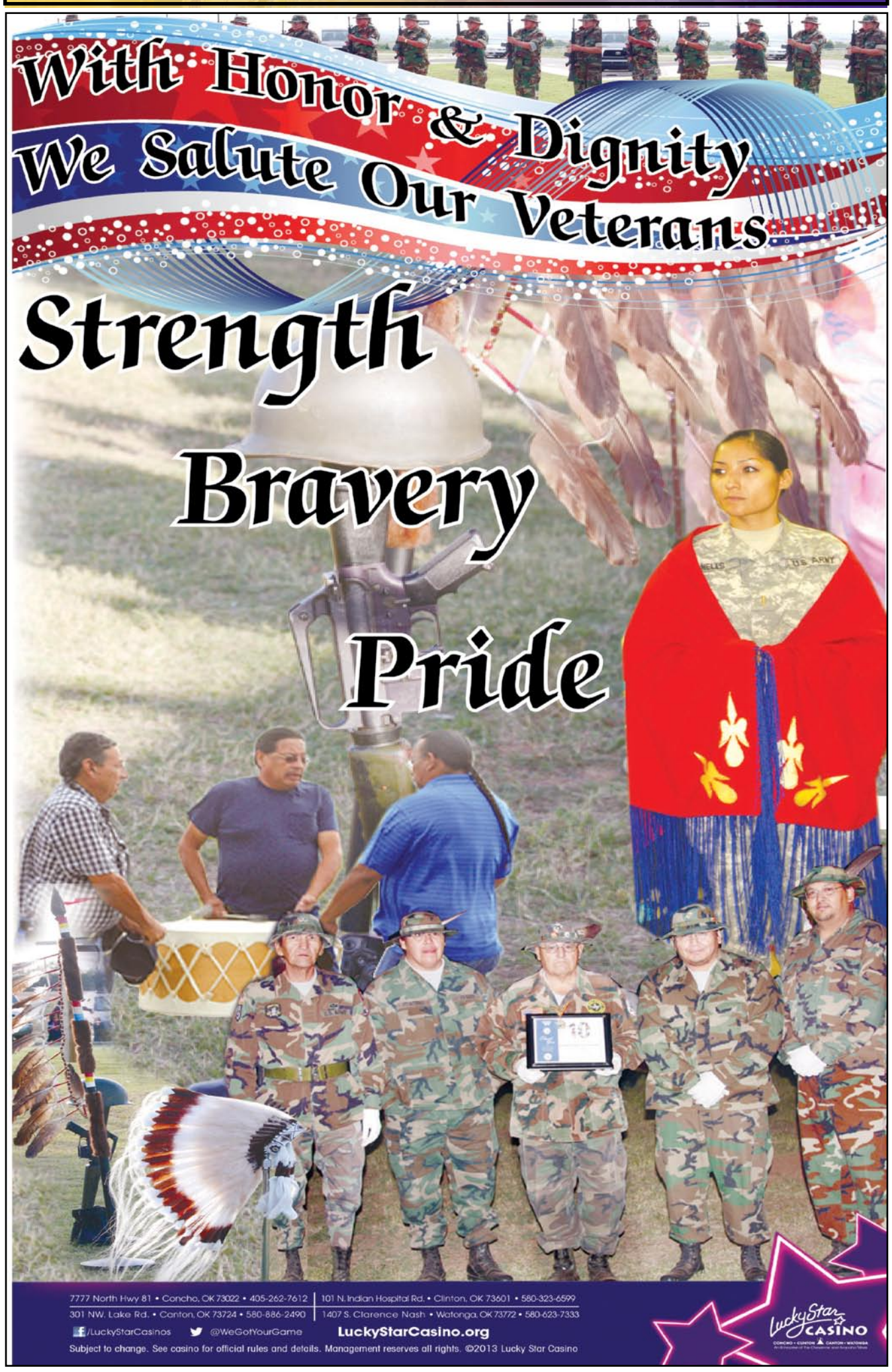
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Fourth Legislature

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CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

Bruce Whiteman, C1
Clifton Ellis, C2
Cheevers Heap of Birds, C3
Fiona Whiteskunk, C4
Jane Nightwalker, A1
Michael Kodaseet, A2
Patrick Spottedwolf, A3
Winslow Sankey, A4

Amendment Proposals for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma official Constitution

The Fourth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are proposing amendments to the official Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Constitution and the addition of two new articles.

The following proposed changes to the Constitution have been developed over the past year by the Legislature. Our hope is to have the proposed amendments to the five existing articles and the addition of two new articles on the Oct. 8, 2013, ballot for the people to decide, if they wish. Each proposed amendment will be an entity of itself on the ballot, therefore, a person may vote for one amendment and not vote for another.

Changes to the Constitution have been asked for since its enactment in 2006, and time has shown what areas need further clarification in language. These proposed amendments have, we believe, become necessary to update the Constitution to reflect the changing times, but also, to address areas within the Constitution that use vague language and leave "gray" areas for interpretation.

These "gray" areas, as we have witnessed over the years, have led to controversy over the exact meaning and each interpreting the Constitution in varying ways, due to the vague language. Constitutions are living documents, and should be updated when the need is recognized.

The addition of two new articles, Article X and Article XI, we believe will further ensure accountability within the branches of government.

Article I, Bill of Rights, is being clarified with a few additions to insure individual rights. The most important addition, new Section 3, is a clear right to go to tribal court to enforce the Constitutional protections. Another addition and revisions add protections for tribal employees. Good employees make tribal government work for the people. When employees are constantly afraid for their job they don't work well. When a new administration "cleans house," we usually lose good employees. And we all know highly qualified tribal members who refuse to work for the Tribes because of job insecurity. Passing the amendments to Article I will better protect tribal members and improve the tribal government.

Article IV, Membership, is being amended to simplify the membership criteria and make the rules conform to what tribal members want. The existing Article allows some people to have less than ¼ blood quantum, allows dual membership in some cases, and allowed a member to relinquish membership and return later. The changes close these loopholes by simplifying the rules. The question of lowering the blood quantum might be considered later, but an accommodation is made for descendants. There are currently programs that serve descendants, and the recent amendment to the Membership code, approved by Tribal Council, added a provision for Descendants. By having a Descendants roll, we can later evaluate the numbers to better know what effect a change in the blood quantum will have.

Article V, Tribal Council, is being amended to make the Tribal Council more effective and to clarify their powers. Some of the time limits were unreasonably short and have been extended. The power to override a Governor's veto when the Legislature doesn't is added. Insuring valid meetings is helped by allowing the sponsors to bypass a Coordinator, Governor or Court who tries to stop a meeting. For instance, when there is a "super majority" of 100 members, the meeting can't be challenged for lack of publication.

Article VII, Executive Branch. These amendments separate the Treasurer and Attorney General from the Executive Branch and fix a problem with the Office of Records Management. It also lowers the qualification of a college degree to a high school degree for the Governor/Lt. Governor offices. If new Articles X and XI, creating new offices of Attorney General and Treasurer, are not approved, then the provisions in Article VII will remain unchanged and the Attorney General and Treasurer will stay under the Executive Branch.

NEW Articles X and XI, These create more independent offices of Attorney General and Treasurer to insure more accountability of the other branches of government. These positions are the watchdogs of the government and must be able to act independently to insure that the four branches of government function properly.

Article XIV, Removal, Recall, and Vacancies. These amendments replace the cumbersome removal rules with a simple and certain removal rule. One rule applies to all officers. There have been several controversies due to uncertain removals and inability to remove officers under the rule. By having a clear, simple rule, we allow officers to do their jobs without constant fear of removal actions, and when an officer does wrong, there is a quick and certain removal. Most of the conflict over the past eight years is due to problems with the removal process. This should avoid such problems.

The original Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes has been the cornerstone to moving forward, and as such will always be the firm concrete upon which we continue to grow and move forward. However, with the passing of time, some areas within the Constitution have needed to be clarified in clear and specific language, leaving no room for interpretation or "gray" areas.

All governments following a Constitution (ex. The United States of America) have had to make necessary amendments to their original Constitution when the language within the document did not withstand the "test of practicality" over time.

Within these four pages are the proposed changes the Fourth Legislature would like to bring in front of the people.

On the left side will be the original language currently used in the Constitution with the language being omitted in ***italics***. Immediately to the right of each article in **bold type** will be the proposed language changes. There are a total of five articles with proposed amendments. The two new proposed articles will be placed at the very end.

We ask for your input after thoroughly reading the proposed amendments and the two new proposed articles by calling the Legislative Clerk's office at (405) 422-7778 or by contacting your Cheyenne or Arapaho district representative.

Please note that these proposed amendments are only first drafts and will be finalized after hearing back from tribal members. WE NEED YOUR INPUT.

ARTICLE I -BILL OF RIGHTS

Current Article

Section 1. ***Bill of Rights.*** The government of the Tribes shall not make or enforce any law *which*:

(a). infringes upon religious or cultural beliefs *or prohibits the free exercise thereof* including the right to possess and use peyote for religious purposes, nor *any law which* establishes religion;

(b). prohibits the freedom of speech, expression, or of the press, or the right of the People peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for redress of grievances;

(c). violates the right of the People to be secure in the privacy of their persons, houses, papers, electronic and telecommunications information, vehicles, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, nor issue warrants but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation signed by a Judge and particularly describing the place, person, house, or things to be searched, the object and scope of such search, and the person or thing to be seized, nor execute an arrest without probable cause;

(d). subjects any person to search or arrest without informing them of their right to remain silent, to have access to an attorney, to be informed that anything they say can be held against them in a court of law, to have these rights explained at the time of arrest, *and to ask the arrested individuals if they understand these rights;*

(e). subjects any person to criminal prosecution or punishment more than once for the same offense arising out of the same incident, nor compels any person in any criminal case to be a witness against himself or herself;

(f). discharges any person from employment without due process, or *takes any private property or possessory interest in private property for public use, without due process and just compensation;*

(g). discharges any person from employment or takes any other retaliation against an employee who makes public any information of misconduct by officials or employees of the Tribes;

(h). denies to any person in a criminal proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him or her, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his or her favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his or her defense subject to income guidelines;

(i) denies to any person in a civil proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial;

(k). requires excessive bail, imposes excessive fines, or inflicts cruel and unusual methods of interrogation or punishment;

(l). denies to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection, application, or opportunity under the law or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law, provided, that the Legislature shall have the power to enact Indian preference laws;

(m). singles out an individual or group for punishment without trial, or punishes conduct after the fact through the enactment of laws or resolutions which criminalize such conduct;

(n). denies to any person accused of

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Section 1. ***Bill of Rights.*** The government of the Tribes shall not make or enforce any law **or take any action that**:

(a) infringes upon **or prohibits the free exercise of** religious or cultural beliefs, including the right to possess and use peyote for religious purposes, nor establishes religion;

(b) prohibits the freedom of speech, expression, or of the press, or the right of the People peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for redress of grievances;

(c) violates the right of the People to be secure in the privacy of their persons, houses, papers, electronic and telecommunications information, vehicles, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, nor issue warrants but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation signed by a Judge and particularly describing the place, person, house, or things to be searched, the object and scope of such search, and the person or thing to be seized, nor execute an arrest without probable cause;

(d) subjects any person to search or arrest without **promptly** informing them of their right to:

(1) remain silent,

(2) have access to an attorney,

(3) be informed that anything they say can be held against them in a court of law, and

(4) **have these rights explained at the time of arrest in an understandable manner;**

(e). subjects any person to criminal prosecution or punishment more than once for the same offense arising out of the same incident, nor compels any person in any criminal case to be a witness against himself or herself;

(f). **takes any private property or possessory interest in private property for public use, without due process and just compensation;**

(g). discharges or demotes any person from employment, or reduces or withholds employee compensation, without due process and just cause;

(h). discharges **or demotes** any person from employment or takes any other retaliation against an employee who **discloses to tribal officials** or makes public any information of misconduct by officials or employees of the Tribes, **or any information that is otherwise lawfully available to tribal members or the public;**

(i). **discharges or demotes any person from employment or takes any other retaliation against an employee because they sign any petition provided for by this Constitution or other law, or take any position regarding any person or measure before the Legislature or Tribal Council or other lawful speech, provided the conduct is not during working hours, does not affect job performance or is otherwise illegal;**

(j). denies to any person in a criminal proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him or her, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his or her favor,

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Current Article	Proposed Amendment
an offense punishable by imprisonment the right upon request, to a trial by an impartial jury of not less than six persons, and all persons shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law; (o). denies to any person the access to his or her own personal information maintained by the Tribes; (p). discriminates against any Person based on age, gender, religion, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, or social or economic status; (q). denies to any Person the right to own and use firearms subject to regulation by the Tribes by law. Section 2. ***Reserved Powers.*** Powers not granted to the Government shall be reserved to the People.	and, to have the assistance of counsel for his or her defense subject to income guidelines; (k). denies to any person in a civil proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial; (l). requires excessive bail, imposes excessive fines, or inflicts cruel and unusual methods of interrogation or punishment; (m). denies to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection, application, or opportunity under the law or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law, provided, that the Legislature shall have the power to enact Indian preference laws; (n). singles out an individual or group for punishment without trial, or punishes conduct after the fact through the enactment of laws or resolutions which criminalize such conduct; (o). denies to any person accused of an offense punishable by imprisonment the right upon request, to a trial by an impartial jury of not less than six persons, and all persons shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law; (p). denies to any person the access to his or her own personal information maintained by the Tribes; (q). discriminates against any Person based on age, gender, religion, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, or social or economic status; (r). denies to any Person the right to own and use firearms subject to regulation by the Tribes by law. Section 2. ***Reserved Powers.*** Powers not granted to the Government shall be reserved to the People. **Section 3. *Violation of Rights*. Any person whose rights under this Article are violated shall have the right to petition the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Courts for declaratory and injunctive relief, actual money damages, and reasonable attorney fees and costs for the claimant when prevailing and the Tribes if the case is found to be frivolous. Sovereign immunity shall not bar any lawsuit brought pursuant to this Article in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Courts.**

ARTICLE IV -MEMBERSHIP

Current Article	Proposed Amendment
Section 1. ***Requirements***. The Membership of the Tribes shall consist of *the following persons:* *(a). All persons whose names appear on the tribal membership roll prepared pursuant to the Act of October 31, 1967; provided that corrections may be made to the roll at any time, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.* *(b). Each person of 1/4, or more, degree of blood of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, born after October 31, 1967, but prior to the effective date of the constitution and bylaws adopted in 1975, both of whose parents are members of the tribes.* *(c). Each person of 1/4, or more, degree of blood of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, born after October 31, 1967, but prior to the effective date of the constitution and bylaws adopted in 1975, if such is admitted to membership by a majority vote of the Legislature certifying compliance with this section.* *(d). Each person of 1/4, or more, degree of blood of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, born to a member of the tribes after the effective date of the constitution and bylaws adopted in 1975. (e). The Department of Enrollment shall keep the Membership Roll current by adding births and deleting deaths.* *Section 2. **Other Tribes**. Persons who possess blood of another Indian tribe shall not be enrolled if they have shared in any land or money by virtue of having been enrolled as a member of the other tribe.* Section 3. ***Blood Degree***. For purposes of determining degree of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian blood possessed by applicants for membership, the degree of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian blood shown on the October 31, 1967, roll shall govern. *Corrections may be made in degree of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian blood shown on the roll if a request, in writing, is received from the enrollee or one of his descendants, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The burden of proof in establishing a degree of Indian blood other than that shown on the roll is on the party making the request.* Section 4. ***Future Membership***. *The tribal council shall have the power to enact resolutions and/or ordinances, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, governing future membership and the adoption of new members*.	Section 1. ***Requirements***. The Membership of the Tribes shall consist of **all persons who are ¼ or more combined degree of blood of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma whose names appear on the tribal membership roll on October 31, 1967, and their descendants who are ¼ or more combined degree of blood of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and have applied for membership and are not a member of any other tribe.** Section 2. ***Descendants***. **Persons who apply and are found to be descended from one or more members, but cannot prove ¼ or more combined degree of blood of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, shall be placed on a "Descendants" list. Descendants shall not be members, hold elected office, or receive any services or benefits except as provided by law.** Section 3. ***Relinquishment and Return***. **Any adult member, who relinquishes their membership after the enactment of this amendment, shall not be eligible for re-enrollment. Juveniles otherwise eligible may enroll after they become 18 years old, regardless of any prior tribal membership held as a juvenile or whether as a juvenile they had been relinquished from Cheyenne and Arapaho membership by their parent or legal guardian.** Section 4. ***Membership Roll***. **The Department of Enrollment shall keep the Membership Roll current by adding new members, and noting deceased, relinquished, and removed status of persons. The Department of Enrollment shall also keep the Descendants list.** Section 5. ***Other Tribes***. **Unless a relinquishment of the other membership is filed, conditioned only upon the conferring of Cheyenne and Arapaho membership, persons who are members of another federally recognized Indian tribe shall not be enrolled. Adult members shall be disenrolled if they enroll in another tribe. If the Enrollment Department receives credible information that a member is enrolled with another tribe, then the member shall be contacted at their last known address, and by publication in the Tribal newspaper or website, to show cause within 30 days why they should not be dis-enrolled. A person dis-enrolled may appeal to tribal court.** Section 6. ***Blood Degree***. For purposes of determining degree of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian blood possessed by applicants for membership, the degree of Cheyenne-Arapaho Indian blood shown on the October 31, 1967, roll shall govern. **Corrections to individual records may be made to the roll at any time pursuant to tribal law, subject to appeal to tribal court and the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. The burden of proof in establishing a degree of Indian blood other than that shown on the roll is on the party making the request.** Section 7. ***Future Membership***. **The membership law implementing this Article shall be enacted by the legislative process and approved by the Tribal Council and the Secretary of the Interior**.

ARTICLE V –TRIBAL COUNCIL

Current Article	Proposed Amendment
Section 1. ***Composition***. The Tribal Council shall be composed of all Members of the Tribes age eighteen and older. Section 2. ***Powers***. (a). The Tribal Council shall have the power to set policy for the Tribes *and shall have all other powers and duties specifically provided by this Constitution.* (b). The Tribal Council shall have the *exclusive* power to approve the annual budget for the Tribes; provided that if the Tribal Council fails to approve or disapprove the annual budget within *thirty* days of receipt of the annual budget as approved in the Legislative Process, then the annual budget shall be deemed approved. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources. (c). The Tribal Council shall have the *exclusive* power to authorize the Governor to *enter into* treaties, compacts, or any contract. (d). The Tribal Council shall have the power to establish its own rules of order and procedure. Section 3. ***Annual Meeting and Special Meetings.*** (a). An Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held on the first Saturday in October. No other meetings of the Tribes shall be held on the first Saturday in October including a Special Tribal Council meeting or a meeting of the Legislature. The Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held in Concho. The Tribes shall provide bus transportation for members of the Tribes to attend the Annual Meeting. (b). Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call the Special Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be indicated in the request for the Special Meeting and no other business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting. (c). The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall provide notice of all *Regular* Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least fifteen days before such Meeting. Section 4. ***Procedures***. (a). A quorum of the Tribal Council shall consist of at least *seventy-five* Members of the Tribal Council. (b). At the beginning of each Tribal Council meeting, the Tribal Council shall select a Chairman to preside at the meeting and to facilitate the meeting, and a	Section 1. ***Composition***. The Tribal Council shall be composed of all Members of the Tribes age eighteen and older who are present at a meeting. Section 2. ***Powers***. (a). The Tribal Council shall have the power to set **general** policy for the Tribes. **(b). The Tribal Council shall have the power to affirm, repeal, or recommend to the Legislature the amendment of the laws of the Tribes. The Tribal Council shall have the power to override the Governor's veto of bills passed by the Legislature.** (c). The Tribal Council shall have the power to approve **or disapprove** the annual budget for the Tribes **as enacted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor**; provided that if the Tribal Council fails to approve or disapprove the annual budget within **60** days of receipt of the annual budget as approved in the Legislative Process, then the annual budget shall be deemed approved. **If the Governor vetoes or does not sign the budget passed by the Legislature then the Tribal Council may approve the budget passed by the Legislature and it shall be binding law of the Tribes**. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources. (d). The Tribal Council shall have the power to authorize the Governor to **sign individual** treaties, compacts, or any contract, **subject to availability of funding in the budget**. (e). The Tribal Council shall have the power to establish its own rules of order and procedure. **Said rules shall be simple and understandable by a majority of members in attendance. A copy of said rules shall be provided at the meeting to any member so requesting.** Section 3. ***Annual Meeting and Special Meetings.*** (a). An Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held on the first Saturday in October. No other meetings of the Tribes shall be held on the first Saturday in October including a Special Tribal Council meeting or a meeting of the Legislature. The Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held in Concho **at the tribal building having the largest open floor seating space. Notice of the location and time shall be publicized at a minimum in the tribal newspaper and on the tribal website**. The Tribes shall provide bus transportation for members of the Tribes to attend the Annual Meeting. (b). Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes **and verified by the Department**

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Current Article	Proposed Amendment
Secretary to record the decisions of the Tribal Council and publish the minutes of the meeting. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the decisions and minutes to the Coordinator. (c). All decisions of the Tribal Council shall be embodied in a written Resolution. All proposed Resolutions shall be submitted to the Office of the Tribal Council *in accordance with the requirements of this Constitution. The Coordinator shall accept proposed Resolutions at least thirty days before each Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Tribal Council.* The Coordinator shall publish all proposed Resolutions *which are submitted* at least thirty days before the meeting, and all such Resolutions shall be placed on the agenda of the Tribal Council Meeting. No item shall be placed on an agenda for a Tribal Council Meeting unless such item has been submitted to the Coordinator in writing at least thirty days before the Tribal Council Meeting. *The Coordinator shall accept petitions seeking to repeal an enacted law or Resolution at any time and the matter shall be placed on the agenda of the next Tribal Council meeting.* The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall compile all approved laws and Resolutions within ten days of passage into a code which shall be published. Section 5. ***Office of the Tribal Council***. (a). An Office of the Tribal Council is hereby established. A Coordinator for the Office of the Tribal Council shall be selected by the Tribal Council at the Annual Meeting of the Tribal Councilor *or at a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council as needed*. Members of the Tribes interested in serving in the position of Coordinator shall *submit* an application at least *thirty* days prior to the Tribal Council Meeting. All applications for Coordinator shall be published at least thirty days prior to the Tribal Council Meeting. (b). The Coordinator shall serve in accordance with terms and conditions established by the Tribal Council.	**of Enrollment** . All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of **certification** a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call the Special Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be indicated in the request for the Special Meeting and no other business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting. **The meeting shall be deemed constitutional notwithstanding any failure to meet the requirements of this paragraph if 100 members are present at the meeting, including the failure of the Coordinator to call the meeting or the verification by the Department of Enrollment.** (c). The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council, **or the proponents of a special meeting, at a minimum** shall provide notice **in the tribal newspaper and website, or three newspapers regularly published in the tribal boundaries**, of all **Annual** Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least fifteen days before such Meeting. Section 4. ***Procedures***. (a). A quorum of the Tribal Council shall consist of at least 75 Members of the Tribal Council. (b). At the beginning of each Tribal Council meeting, the Tribal Council shall select a Chairman to preside at the meeting and to facilitate the meeting, and a Secretary to record the decisions of the Tribal Council and publish the minutes of the meeting. The Secretary shall provide a copy of the decisions and minutes to the Coordinator. (c). All decisions of the Tribal Council shall be embodied in a written **Proposed** Resolution. **A Proposed Resolution must have at least one signed supporter to be placed on an agenda**. All proposed Resolutions shall be submitted to the Office of the Tribal Council **at least 45 days before the date of the meeting**. The Coordinator shall publish all proposed Resolutions at least thirty days before the meeting, and all such Resolutions shall be placed on the agenda of the Tribal Council Meeting. No item shall be placed on an agenda for **an annual** Tribal Council Meeting unless such item has been submitted to the Coordinator in writing at least **45** days before the Tribal Council Meeting. **A proposed Resolution must be approved by majority vote of those present and a quorum is maintained**. The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall compile all approved laws and Resolutions within ten days of passage into a code which shall be published **on the Tribes' website and made available at the Office of Records Management**. Section 5. ***Office of the Tribal Council***. (a). An Office of the Tribal Council is hereby established. A Coordinator for the Office of the Tribal Council shall be selected by the Tribal Council at the Annual Meeting of the Tribal Councilor. **If the Coordinator position becomes vacant, then the Governor shall nominate and the Legislature may confirm an acting Coordinator who shall serve until the next Annual or Special Tribal Council meeting**. Members of the Tribes interested in serving in the position of Coordinator shall **file** an application **and signatures of at least 10 tribal member supporters at the District Court, with a copy to the Coordinator, Governor, and Legislature**, at least **45** days prior to the Tribal Council Meeting. All applications for Coordinator shall be published at a minimum on the Tribes' website and posted at all Tribal Community Centers, at least 30 days prior to the Tribal Council Meeting. Notice of applicants shall be published in the Tribal Newspaper at least 10 days prior to the Tribal Council Meeting. (b). The Coordinator shall serve a four year term in accordance with terms and conditions established by the Tribal Council.

ARTICLE VII –EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Current Article	Proposed Amendment
Section 1**.** ***Composition***. (c). The Executive Branch shall be comprised of Departments created by law which shall include at a minimum a Department of Housing, *a Department of Justice, a Department of Law Enforcement*, a Department of Enrollment, a Department of Health, a Department of Education, a Department of Social Services, *a Department of Treasury which shall include an Office of Internal Auditor, a Budget Office, and a Finance Office*, and any additional Departments created by law *subject to the approval of the Tribal Council*. The Executive Branch shall also be comprised of a Department of Administration which shall include an Office of Records Management, an Office of Personnel, a Property and Supply Office, a Procurement, Grants, and Contracts Office, and a Planning and Development Office. Each Department shall have one Executive Director. (d). The Office of Records Management within the Department of Administration shall be located at the government headquarters in Concho. The Office of Records Management shall secure and maintain at a minimum the following Records of the Tribes: treaties, compacts, contracts, constitution, codes, resolutions, laws, ordinances, court opinions, elections, executive orders, memos, letters, rules, regulations, policies, bills, financial records, audits, audit letters and reports, budgets, salaries, travel records, grant proposals, grant awards, grant reports, maps, land records, newspapers, reports, studies, and any other documentary, audio, or written records. The Office of Records Management shall develop systems to index and access all Records maintained in the Office of Records Management or any other office. *The public* shall have the right to inspect any Record and shall have the right to obtain copies of any Record for a reasonable fee as may be set by law. Section 3. ***Qualifications***. (a). The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be at least *thirty-five* years old, enrolled members of the Tribes, *and each possess at least a Bachelor's degree from an accredited school*. (d). *A candidate for the Office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall submit copies of his or her Federal income tax returns for the previous five years and provide a written list of all of his or her personal and real property(s)*. A candidate for the Office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor cannot owe any money or owe any debts to the Tribes. Section 4. ***Powers***. (a). The Executive power of the Tribes shall be vested in the Governor. The Governor shall execute, administer, and enforce the laws. The Governor shall enforce court orders. (b). The Governor shall make projections of annual revenues and shall propose an annual budget to the Legislature no later than June 1st of each year. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources. Monies which have been appropriated by law shall not be drawn from the Treasury except by signature of the Governor. Spending government revenues or drawing monies from the Treasury without authorization and appropriation by law and without a signature by the Governor shall constitute embezzlement and fraud against the Tribes and which shall be punishable by a jail term of up to one year and a fine of up to five thousand dollars per offense. (e). *The Executive Director of the Department of Treasury shall be called the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall safeguard and be responsible for the financial assets and practices of the Tribes. The Treasurer shall be bonded in a sufficient amount to protect the financial assets of the Tribes.* Section 5. ***Compensation***. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall receive reasonable compensation as established by law. No increase or decrease in compensation for the Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall take effect until after the next General Election except for generally applicable cost of living increases.	Section 1**.** ***Composition***. (c). The Executive Branch shall be comprised of Departments created by law which shall include at a minimum a Department of Housing, a Department of Enrollment, a Department of Health, a Department of Education, a Department of Social Services, and any additional Departments created by law The Executive Branch shall also be comprised of a Department of Administration which shall include an Office of Records Management, an Office of Personnel, a Property and Supply Office, a Procurement, Grants, and Contracts Office, and a Planning and Development Office. Each Department shall have one Executive Director. (d). The Office of Records Management within the Department of Administration shall be located at the government headquarters in Concho. The Office of Records Management shall secure and maintain at a minimum the following Records of the Tribes: treaties, compacts, contracts, constitution, codes, acts, resolutions, laws, ordinances, court opinions, elections, executive orders, memos, letters, rules, regulations, policies, bills, financial records, audits, audit letters and reports, budgets, salaries, travel records, grant proposals, grant awards, grant reports, maps, land records, newspapers, reports, studies, and any other documentary, audio, or written records. The Office of Records Management shall develop systems to index and access all Records maintained in the Office of Records Management or any other office. **Except for records declared confidential by federal law, tribal members and tribal government employees** shall have the right to inspect any Record and shall have the right to obtain copies of any Record for a reasonable fee as may be set by law. Section 3. ***Qualifications***. (a). The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be at least **30** years old, enrolled members of the Tribes, **and shall possess a High School degree or its equivalent.** (d). A candidate for the Office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor cannot owe any money or owe any debts to the Tribes. Section 4. ***Powers***. (a). The Executive power of the Tribes shall be vested in the Governor. The Governor shall execute, administer, and enforce the laws. The Governor shall enforce court orders. (b). The Governor shall make projections of annual revenues and shall propose an annual budget to the Legislature no later than June 1st of each year. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribes including gaming revenue, and all revenue and funds received by the Tribes from any and all sources. Monies which have been appropriated by law shall not be drawn from the Treasury except by signature of the Governor **and Treasurer**. Spending government revenues or drawing monies from the Treasury without authorization and appropriation by law and without a signature by the Governor **and Treasurer** shall constitute embezzlement and fraud against the Tribes and which shall be punishable by a jail term of up to one year and a fine of up to five thousand dollars per offense. Section 5. ***Compensation***. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall receive reasonable compensation as established by law **in the annual budget**. No increase or decrease in compensation for the Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall take effect until after the next General Election except for generally applicable cost of living increases.

ARTICLE XIV –REMOVAL, RECALL AND VACANCIES

Current Article

Section 1. ***Removal of Legislators by Referral to a Recall Election***. *The Legislature shall have the power to seek the removal of a Legislator for good cause by a unanimous vote of the remaining seven Members of the Legislature. Upon a decision by the Legislature to seek the removal of a Legislator, such Legislator shall stand for re-election within forty-five days of such decision. The Legislature shall have the burden of proving good cause beyond a reasonable doubt. A Legislator subject to removal by referral to a Special Election shall be provided with adequate notice, be informed of the charges in writing, be given an opportunity to address the Legislature in a public hearing, and be given an opportunity to contest the charges, and prepare and present a defense including presenting witnesses and other evidence. The process to seek the removal of Legislator shall not extend beyond ninety days. No more than one Legislator shall be subject to removal by referral to a Special Election at the same time. No more than one attempt to remove a Legislator by referral to a Special Election shall be permitted during a term.*

Section 2. ***Impeachment and Removal of a Governor or Lieutenant Governor.*** *The Legislature shall have the power to impeach and remove a Governor or Lieutenant Governor for good cause by a unanimous vote of the Legislature. The Legislature shall have the burden of proving good cause beyond a reasonable doubt. A Governor or Lieutenant Governor subject to removal shall be provided with adequate notice, be informed of the charges in writing, be given an opportunity to address the Legislature in a public hearing, and be given an opportunity to contest the charges, and prepare and present a defense including presenting witnesses and other evidence. The process to seek the removal of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall not extend beyond ninety days. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall not be subject to impeachment and removal at the same time.*

Section 3. ***Impeachment and Removal of a Judge or Justice.*** *The Legislature shall have the power to impeach and remove a Judge or Justice for good cause by a unanimous vote of the Legislature. The Legislature shall have the burden of proving good cause beyond a reasonable doubt. A Judge or Justice subject to impeachment and removal shall be provided with adequate notice, be informed of the charges in writing, be given an opportunity to address the Legislature in a public hearing, and be given an opportunity to contest the charges, and prepare and present a defense including presenting witnesses and other evidence. The process to seek the impeachment and removal of the Judge or Justice shall not extend beyond ninety days. No more than one Judge or Justice shall be subject to impeachment and removal at the same time.*

Section 4. ***Removal for Felony Conviction while in Office.*** *Any person serving as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Legislator, Judge, Justice, or Election Commission Member who is convicted of a felony while in office shall be removed from office, provided, that a person who is appealing a conviction shall be suspended from office without pay pending the outcome of the final appeal.*

Section 6. ***Recall.***

(a). *A Legislator shall be subject to a recall vote in a Special Election called by petition of at least thirty percent of the number of registered voters in their respective District.*

(b). *A Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall be removable by recall vote in a Special Election called by petition of at least thirty percent of the number of registered voters in the Tribes.*

(c). *Petitions seeking the recall of a Legislator, Governor, or Lieutenant Governor shall be submitted to the Election Commission. Upon request, the Election Commission shall prepare and issue a petition form to a Petitioner along with the names and addresses of eligible voters of the Tribes including the minimum number of signatures required for a valid Recall petition. Members of the Tribes shall have one-hundred twenty days to collect the requisite number of signatures on the Recall petition. A separate petition shall be required for each person subject to recall. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall not be subject to Recall at the same time.*

(d). *Upon receipt of a Recall petition, the Election Commission shall verify the validity of the signatures on the petition within twenty days. If the petition is valid, the Election Commission shall hold a Recall election within sixty days.*

(e). *A majority of the votes cast in the Recall election shall determine the success or failure of the Recall election, provided that, the official must be recalled by at least number of votes which elected such person to office. Upon a successful recall, the Election Commission shall declare the seat vacant.Section*

7. ***Recall Limits.***

(a). *A person who is successfully recalled from office shall not be eligible to serve in an elective office until a period of six years has elapsed.*

(b). *No Recall petition shall be initiated against any elected official until six months has elapsed from their inauguration into office.*

Proposed Amendment

Section 1. ***Removal by Law***.

The Governor, Legislators, Justices, Judges, Election Commissioners, Attorney General, Treasurer, and the Tribal Council Coordinator ("Officers") shall be removed from office by operation of law for:

(a). **conviction of a crime of moral turpitude, financial wrongdoing, or any felony, or**

(b). **Legislators for two un-excused absences. An absence may be excused by vote of the Legislature, with the subject legislator abstaining.**

(c). **Justices and Judges for one un-excused absence from a scheduled hearing or trial. An absence may be excused by the Chief Justice or if the Chief Justice is absent, by vote of the other Justices.**

(d). **Election Commissioners for two un-excused absences from meetings. An absence may be excused by vote of the other Election Commissioners.**

(e). **Tribal Council Coordinator for one un-excused absence from a Tribal Council meeting. An absence may be excused by vote of the Tribal Council.**

Section 2. ***Removal by Vote.***

Officers may be removed from their position by affirmative vote of six members of the Legislature and two-thirds affirmative vote of the Tribal Council, provided that Article I applies to any such removal proceedings, if any of the following causes are found true:

(a). **indictment or charge of a felony crime if the seriousness might interfere with the ability to fulfill official responsibilities;**

(b). **Serious illness that interferes with the ability to fulfill official responsibilities;**

(c). **misuse of tribal funds;**

(d). **Abuse of authority, including: refusal to sign documents approved for signature by the Legislature, or signing unapproved documents that required Legislative approval;**

(e). **abuse of drugs and/or alcohol that interferes with the ability to fulfill official responsibilities, including participation in governmental business while under the influence of any drug or alcohol;**

Proposed New Article

ARTICLE X –ATTORNEY GENERAL

Section 1. ***Department***. There is hereby created the office of Attorney General to be directed by the Attorney General.

Section 2. ***Appointment***. The Attorney General shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature for a term of three years. The Attorney General shall be admitted to practice law in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 3. ***Duties and powers***. The Attorney General shall represent the Tribes in all criminal cases in the courts of the Tribes, and in all civil actions wherein the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, or its departments or agents, are named as a party, and shall have such other duties and powers as may be prescribed by law. The Attorney General shall be authorized to designate such prosecutors and other assistants as deemed necessary to carry out the duties of office. The Attorney General may be removed from office by Resolution passed through the legislative process, Article VI, Section 7. The Attorney General shall report monthly to the Governor and Legislature as to the activities of the office, financial status, and personnel.

Section 4. The office of Attorney General shall be subject to tribal personnel and financial policies. All funds will be maintained by the Treasurer.

Proposed New Article

ARTICLE XI –TREASURY

Section 1. ***Department***. There is hereby created the Department of the Treasury, to be directed by a Treasurer.

Section 2. ***Appointment and Qualifications***. The Treasurer shall be nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The Treasurer shall have at least a bachelor's degree in business, finance, or accounting and five years' of experience working in tribal government accounting. The Treasurer may be removed from office by Resolution passed through the legislative process, Article VI, Section 7.

Section 3. ***Duties and power***s. The Treasurer shall safeguard and be responsible for the financial assets and practices of the Tribes in accordance with federal and generally accepted accounting standards as applicable. The Treasurer shall be a signatory on each bank account holding tribal funds, along with the Governor. The Treasurer shall report monthly to the Governor and Legislature as to the financial status of the Tribes and any recommendations on modifications to the annual budget.

Section 4**.** The office of Treasury shall be subject to tribal personnel and financial policies.

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